

2002 Celebrating Wildflowers On-Line Events Directory

(arranged by date within each state; Canada at end)

ALABAMA

Cahaba Lily Center, West Blocton, Alabama
Bibb Glades Wildflower Day, celebrating the Discovery of a Lost World by Jim Allison

April 27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Speakers in morning include Dr. Joab Thomas, Pat Linton, Chris Oberholster, Dr. Doug Jones, and Jim Allison. Lunch Tour of Bibb County Glades by botanists: Jim Allison, Keith Tassin, Chris Oberholster, Dan Spaulding, Al Schotz, Steve Threlkeld, David Whetstone, and Brian Keener.

Sponsors: Bibb County Citizens for Wildflowers, The Nature Conservancy.

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Mentone, Alabama
Blanche Dean Chapter of Alabama Wilflower Society Field Trip to DeSoto State Park

May 11, 10 a.m.

Meet in the Barnes & Noble parking lot in the Summit Shopping Center on Highway 280, Birmingham, Alabama at 8:30 a.m. in order to meet Dan Spaulding by 10 a.m. at the Country Store/Nature Center in the DeSoto State Park. Wear hiking boots, bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Don't forget bug repellent! We will travel the Azalea Trail before lunch and after lunch go to view the Green Pitcher Plants, *Saracenia oreophila*.

Fee: Free

Sponsor(s): Blanche Dean Chapter of the Alabama Wildflower Society

Contact: Linda Sherk

Phone: (205) 672-9779

E-mail: blt111@bellsouth.net

Website: <http://www.alabamawildflower.org>

Pelham, Alabama
Blanche Dean Chapter of the Alabama Wildflower Society Field Trip to Oak Mountain State Park

June 3

We will meet at the park office at 9:00 a.m. Keener Morrow, the park naturalist, will lead us to see early summer wildflowers. Wear hiking boots, bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Be prepared to hike up the mountain. Don't forget bug repellent!

Fee: \$2 admission fee.

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ALASKA

Campbell Creek Science Center, Anchorage, AK
Alaska Native Plant Society Monthly Meetings

1st Monday of each month, October through May, 7:30 p.m.

All interested persons are welcome. The Alaska Native Plant Society (ANPS) was formed in 1982 by a small group of amateur and professional botanists for the purpose of disseminating information on Alaska's native flora to all interested persons. Field Trips, ranging from 1/2 day local outings, to multi-day excursions throughout Alaska. Some prior trips have been to Kodiak, Seldovia, Chitina/Kennicott, and Denali National Park. Displays at local malls during "Celebrating Wildflowers" periods. Publication of a monthly newsletter for members, October through May.

Website:

<http://www.alaskakrafts.com/pages/anps.htm>

ARIZONA

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Arizona Native Plant Society Tucson Chapter Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the month, Sept.-May, 7:30 p.m.

Fee: Free

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.aznps.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Xeriscaping Class

2nd Saturday monthly (except July), 9:30-11:30 a.m.

In this class you will receive an in-depth orientation to xeriscaping or low water use landscaping. The seven principles include a water-conserving design, low water use plants, reducing turf, water harvesting techniques, appropriate irrigation methods, use of mulches, and proper maintenance practices. Class concludes with a walking tour of the TBG Xeriscape Garden. Taught by trained TBG docents. No preregistration required.

Fee: \$8 (includes admission), \$6 TBG members; registration required

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Gardening for the Newcomer Class

1st Thursday and 3rd Saturday monthly (except July), 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Are you a newcomer or a new homeowner and don't know where to begin? Take this introductory class and become familiar with Tucson's seasons and soils, basic design principles, and plants that will help you create a garden of beauty and comfort in our desert environment. Discussion of proper techniques for watering and planting is included. Class concludes with a walking tour of the Gardens where instructors will

point out many examples of excellent trees, shrubs, and groundcovers. Handouts on desert landscaping and a resource list are provided. Taught by TBG docents. No preregistration required.

Fee: \$8 (includes admission), \$6 TBG members; registration required

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Spring Plant Sale

March 16-17

Enjoy a fabulous selection of low-water-use perennials, trees, cacti, succulents, and herbs for sale in the TBG Nursery.

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Identifying and Growing Desert Wildflowers

March 20, 6-8 p.m.

Re-experience the glorious spring of 2001 and learn about desert annuals and perennials through a slide talk presented by Meg Quinn, author of *Wildflowers of the Desert Southwest* on Wednesday evening. You will also learn practical, step-by-step methods for growing desert wildflowers in your own home landscape.

Fee: \$10 non-members; \$8 TBG members; registration required

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Medicinal Uses of Native Plants

March 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join herbalist Pam Hyde-Nakai of the Sonoran Herbal Institute for a walk in a north side desert location to discuss traditional and contemporary herbal uses of native plants. Class will reconvene at TBG to focus on creosote. Here participants will make a healing salve of creosote, as well as creosote tea and learn how this ubiquitous desert plant can be used to treat a variety of ailments.

Fee: \$45 non-members; \$40 TBG members; registration required

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Cooking with Mesquite Meal

March 30, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Join Carolyn Niethammer, gourmet cook and author of Native American Cooking, for a morning in the Gardens and in the kitchen. Class will focus on the native mesquite tree and its many uses, particularly as a food item. Carrie will share information on traditional uses by southwestern tribes, and how mesquite meal can be incorporated into delicious, modern recipes. Class will make and sample a drink made with mesquite, coffee, milk, and cinnamon. You will also make a sumptuous roll-up cake with mesquite, pecans, coconut, and vanilla.

Fee: \$40 non-members; \$35 TBG members; registration required

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, Tempe, Arizona

Southwest Conference On Botanical Medicine

April 6-7

The seventh annual Southwest Conference on Botanical Medicine will be held on April 6 & 7 at the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in Tempe, Arizona. The conference emphasizes botanical therapies for chronic disease. Speakers include Cascade Anderson Geller, Michael Moore, Mimi Kamp, Kenneth Proefrock, ND, Phyllis Hogan, Paul Bergner and other herbalists and naturopathic physicians from around the Western states. In addition to over 20 professional presentations on herbal medicine, there are herb walks at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, an exhibit hall offering books & herbal products, and a panel discussion on Strengthening the Immune System with Botanicals.

Fee: \$245 meals and lodging extra

Phone: (800) 252-0688

E-mail: info@botanicalmedicine.org

Website: <http://www.botanicalmedicine.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Spring in the Desert Hike

April 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Enjoy a Tucson Mountain spring hike to witness the desert in bloom with Meg Quinn. Though the annuals will have a poor showing this year, the reliable perennials should produce plentiful blooms. Palo verdes, ocotillo, chollas, and prickly pear are likely to be flowering, along with perennials such as mallow, desert marigold, desert zinnia, verbena, desert senna, and more. Bring lunch, a hat, water, and good walking shoes for an easy to moderately paced hike. Optional items: hand lens, field guides, binoculars, camera, note pad.

Fee: \$25 non-members; \$20 TBG members; registration required

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Cholla Bud Harvest

April 21, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Learn the traditional way to harvest this nutritional and tasty gift of the desert. Ethnobotanist/Tohono Chul Greenhouse Manager Martha Burgess will guide participants in picking, preparing, cooking, and preserving cholla buds in the way it has been done for generations. In the course of the day, you will also learn about many other wild and domestic foods. The day will begin at the northwest side Mason Audubon Center for the harvest and processing of the buds. The class will then reconvene at TBG for cooking and consuming the buds, along with tepary beans and other desert delicacies. Ingredients will be graciously donated by Native Seeds/SEARCH.

Fee: \$50 non-members; \$45 TBG and NS/S members; registration required

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Radisson Hotel, Tucson, Arizona
Arizona Noxious, Invasive Plant Summit

April 25-26

This Summit is a joint venture of several groups within the Southwestern U.S. The objectives of the Summit are to: 1) Raise

awareness and share information and knowledge about the problems associated with noxious, invasive plants nationally and regionally, with special emphasis on Arizona, 2) Encourage land managers and citizens to cooperatively participate in local noxious, invasive plant management efforts in Arizona, and 3) Strengthen the institutional infrastructure for invasive plant management in Arizona. A limited number of rooms are available at the Radisson (800-333-3333). Summit registration spots are limited as well, so register early.

Contact: Dr. Larry Howery

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E-mail: lhowery@ag.arizona.edu

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Cacti of the Desert Southwest

May 1, 6-8 p.m. and May 4, 8 a.m.-12 noon

Join Meg Quinn, author of *Cacti of the Desert Southwest*, for an informative slide talk and hike focusing on the cacti of our region. In the Wednesday session Meg will show cacti in bloom and discuss classification, ethnobotanical uses, and best choices for Tucson landscapes. On the Tucson Mountain hike, you will learn to identify many examples of common local species, their ecology and uses.

Fee: \$59, registration required

Contact: PCC Community Education

Phone: (520) 206-6468

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Backyard Bird Watching

May 2, 6-7:30 p.m. and May 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

The first class will focus on basic techniques for identifying birds. Learn how to recognize some of the common birds around Tucson. We will also discuss life histories to help you better identify and appreciate them. The second session will cover gardening for birds. Find out how to attract birds the natural way by creating the appropriate habitat right in your own backyard. Instructor Lynn Kaufman, author of *Birds of the American Southwest*, will talk about the best plants for providing food and shelter.

Fee: \$20 non-members; \$16 TBG members; registration required

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

The Arboretum at Flagstaff, Flagstaff, Arizona

Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale

June 15

Fee: Free

Website: <http://www.thearb.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Plants and the Tohono O'odham

September 14

Honoring our O'odham neighbors and their ethnobotanical culture.

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, Arizona

Fall Plant Sale

October 26-27

At this huge plant extravaganza, find a great diversity of drought tolerant plants, including many natives, available for Tucson's prime planting time.

Contact: Tucson Botanical Gardens

Phone: (520) 326-9686

Website: <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

ARKANSAS

Ozark Folk Center, Mountain View, Arkansas

Medicinal Herb Workshop

March 15-16

Weather permitting, take a walk on the wild side in the Ozark National Forest on the first day. Saturday's seminar will feature Sue Crow, RN, MSN, CIC on defending the body from disease and building the immune system. Debbie Pleu, of Earthly Goods, will discuss building healthy soils to build healthy bodies. Sasha Daucus, of Golden Light Center, will explain and demonstrate making Flower Essences and, in honor of Echinacea, Herb of the Year 2002, Tina Marie Wilcox will present a tincture slide presentation and demonstration. Hours of workshop are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. E-mail for more information and to be put on our mailing list.

Contact: Tina Marie Wilcox
Phone: (870) 269-3851

Phone: (818) 768-3533
Website: <http://www.theodorepayne.org>

CALIFORNIA

**Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery,
Sausalito, California
Come Grow With Us!**
Wednesdays, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon

At this National Park Service Nursery, we grow over 30,000 plants each year to restore natural habitats with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. With only 3 staff members, we depend on community members to help grow plants, collect seeds, prune container plants and much more. If you would like to help, just drop by one of our weekly volunteer programs.

Fee: Free

Sponsor(s): National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Park Association

Contact: Erin Heimbinder

Phone: (415) 332-5193

Website: <http://www.ggnpa.org>

**Stanford Campus, Stanford, California
Habitat Stewardship on Stanford
University Lands**

Ongoing Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Help steward native plant populations on Stanford's open space lands where native oaks have not been regenerating due to human changes to the landscape.

Depending on the season, we may be planting or protecting oaks, removing invasive plants, planting native grasses, or surveying the survival, growth and health of oaks. In any season, you will have an opportunity to learn about the local ecology and discuss with others how we may apply our understanding of ecology to further common good.

Phone: (650) 323-7333

Website: <http://www.ecomagic.org>

**Southern California
20th Annual Wildflower Hotline
March through May, 24 hours**

Call (818) 768-3533 for What is Blooming and Where in the Southern California area. Updated each Friday. Website has weekly text and location links.

Fee: Free

**Jepson Prairie Reserve, Solano County,
(south of Dixon) California**

Jepson Prairie Wildflower Tours

**Saturdays and Sundays March through
Mothers Day (March through mid-May),
tours start 11 a.m., except for Jepson
Prairie Open House on April 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Join docents at Jepson Prairie Reserve, a "National Natural Landmark", and explore vernal pool wildflower displays as well as the specialized animals living within these vernal pools. At 1566-acres, Jepson Prairie Preserve protects one of the best few remaining vernal-pool habitats, which are found only in the western United States and few other places in the world, as well as precious remnants of native bunchgrass prairie that once covered one-fourth of California. As Olcott Lake and other large vernal pools evaporate each spring, millions of native wildflowers bloom around them, forming concentric rings of yellow, white, and blue. Many plant and animal species found on site are endemic to vernal-pool habitats, including three listed shrimp species. The site itself provides the only known home for the federally threatened delta green ground beetle (*Elaphrus viridis*) and federally and state-endangered Solano grass (*Tuctoria mucronata*). Altogether, over 400 species and 64 families of plants, including 15 rare and endangered plants, are found on site, notably dwarf downingia, federal proposed-threatened and state-endangered Colusa grass (*Neostapfia colusana*), and federal-candidates delta tule pea (*Lathyrus jepsonii* var *jepsonii*) and fragrant fritillary (*Fritillaria liliacea*). The docent led hikes last about 2 hours. Groups larger than five should call the Land Trust ahead of time to make a reservation. Special group tours are also available on request. Also note Jepson Prairie "Open House" is scheduled on Sunday April 21st from 10am to 3pm and will include special tours and displays throughout the day. Directions: From Interstate 80, take Highway 113 exit 19 km (12 mi) due south of Dixon towards Rio Vista, at "T" in road continue to head south onto gravel road across railroad tracks. Gravel parking on both sides of road at picnic interpretive area.

Fee: \$1 donation to the Jepson Prairie Endowment Fund is requested from each participant.

Sponsors: Solano Land Trust (formerly Solano County Farmlands & Open Space Foundation); UC Davis Natural Reserve System

Contact: SLT staff and/or Ken Poerner, Land Steward (for docents: Kate Mawdsley)

Phone: SLT Voice (707) 432-0150; SLT Activity Line (707) 421-1351; docents (530) 758-5093

E-mail: scfos@solanolandtrust.org or ken@solanolandtrust.org

Website: <http://www.solanolandtrust.org> or <http://nrs.ucop.edu/reserves/jepson.html>

**Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden,
Claremont, California
Annual Wildflower Show**

March 30-31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Phone: (909) 625-8767

E-mail: ann.joslin@cgu.edu

Website: <http://www.rsabg.org>

**Eastern Merced County, California
Vernal Pool Ecosystems**

April 5-7

Eastern Merced County is home to the largest remaining intact landscape of vernal pools in California. The general area, approximately 90,000 acres, supports many species of rare, threatened, and endangered plants and animals. The area also boasts some of California's oldest geologic formations which represent 2 million years of earth history. The ecosystem supports thousands of vernal pools of varying size, depth, and chemistry -- three factors that affect vernal pool communities.

The UC Regents have long been committed to developing a new UC campus in the Central Valley of California and in 1995 they decided to develop the campus on property currently owned by the Virginia Smith Trust. The 10,300 acre development area, located northeast of the town of Merced, is an important component of the eastern Merced County vernal pool complex. It harbors over 9,000 vernal pools, numerous rare, threatened, or endangered invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds and six rare, threatened, or endangered plants (*Castilleja campestris* subsp. *succulenta*, *Neostapfia colusana*, *Orcuttia*

inaequalis, *Navarretia nigelliformis* subsp. *radians*, *Downingia pusilla*, and *Agrostis hendersonii*). The selection of this unique site for development has come under fierce criticism from UC faculty and concerned environmental groups.

This workshop is an opportunity to see the biological resources of Virginia Smith Trust property, discuss important issues surrounding vernal pool conservation in the Central Valley, and talk with UC planners about the process.

Fee: \$190 non-members; \$170 members

Contact: Staci Markos

Phone: (510) 643-7008

E-mail: smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu

Website: <http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu>

**Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden,
Claremont, California
RSABG Friends Spring Plant Sale**

April 6

Fee: Free

Phone: (909) 625-8767

E-mail: ann.joslin@cgu.edu

Website: <http://www.rsabg.org>

**Strybing Botanical Garden Nursery, San
Francisco, California
General Sale with Spring Bloomers**

April 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Phone: (415) 661-1316

Website: <http://www.strybing.org>

**Anza-Borrego Desert State Park,
California**

Flora of the Anza-Borrego Desert

April 11-14

Explore desert dunes, rock flats, and mountains of southern California in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park looking for a diversity of wildflowers and cacti. After the spring rains arrive, this desert will come alive with color and diversity as annual plants spring forth in all of their splendor and perennials revive for reproduction. This region is part of the Lower Colorado River section of the Sonoran Desert and is home to a wide range of desert plants including the rare Wolf's Cholla (*Cylindropuntia wolfii*), the strange Elephant Tree (*Bursera microphylla*), and the interesting internal plant parasite (*Pilostyles thurberi*). This course will include information on desert plant adaptations and the diversity of plants

in San Diego County and adjacent Baja California. Based out of a local campground, we will explore the park and the flora through driving tours and short hikes. Co-sponsored with the Anza-Borrego Institute.
Fee: \$230 non-members; \$210 members
Contact: Staci Markos
Phone: (510) 643-7008
E-mail: smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu
Website: <http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu>

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Arroyo Room (first meeting), Santa Barbara, California
Spring Bird/Plant Relationships, with Fred Emerson

Thursdays, April 11-May 23, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Biologist Fred Emerson will lead this exciting class to local bird habitats of woodlands, creeks, beaches and sloughs. We will study key species of plants and birds associated with these habitats. How plants and birds are influenced by natural and human-initiated processes and changes will be stressed.

Fee: \$50 members/\$55 non-members/\$30 students

Phone: (805) 682-4726, ext. 102 to enroll

Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Arroyo Room, Santa Barbara, California
How to Recognize Common Poisonous Plants, with Owen Dell

April 13, 9 a.m.-12 noon

A surprising number of common garden plants are poisonous. This class will teach you to recognize toxic garden plants, to learn which ones are the most hazardous, and what to do to reduce the risk for you and your family. This information will be especially beneficial to parents, teachers, and others involved with children.

Fee: \$20 members/\$25 non-members/\$15 students

Phone: (805) 682-4726, ext. 102

Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley, California
Poppy Day Open House

April 13, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Annual Open House, Plant and Seed Sale. Displays, Demonstrations, Class on

Gardening with Natives in Small Spaces, House and Garden Tour. Non Profit Foundation in operation for 40 Years.

Fee: Free

Sponsor: Theodore Payne Foundation
California Native Plant Nursery, Seed and Bookstore

Contact: Margaret Robison

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Website: <http://www.theodorepayne.org>

Mather Field Vernal Pools, Rancho Cordova, California
Mather Vernal Pool Wildflower Tours

April 14, 20 and 28, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visit and explore the wondrous wildflower beauty and unique ecosystems that make up the California vernal pool landscape with California Native Plant Society (CNPS) docent lead tours of the Mather Field vernal pools. Some 200 plant species grow in vernal pools. Half of these are rarely found outside this unique habitat. However, any given pool typically supports only 15 to 20 species, in an unpredictable array of combinations. In that way vernal pools are a lot like snowflakes; botanically speaking, no two are alike. As the pools dry down, the newly exposed plant seedlings grow quickly, springing into bloom from March to May. The flowers form colorful concentric rings and dense patches of yellow, white, pink, and purple flowers. The display changes from week to week, as each species gives way to the next, like a floral kaleidoscope. These spring or "vernal" flower displays give vernal pools their name. This unique area (known as "the runway pools") contains one of the highest concentration and variety of vernal pools anywhere in Sacramento County. Hurry to see these vernal pools as they are currently being threatened for removal to allow mining of the site for gravel. Directions: From Highway 50 take Sunrise Boulevard south for four miles, turn right on Douglas Boulevard, turn at the first left on Eagle's Nest Road, then turn left into the parking lot for the picnic pavilion. Meet at the pavilion. Be sure to bring dollar bills. Parking is \$2.

Fee: \$2 parking

Sponsor: CNPS Sacramento Valley Chapter

Contact: Tim Nosal

Phone: (916) 484-8602 (day) or (916) 961-0766 (eve)

E-mail: trnosal@aol.com

Website:

<http://www.cnpssacvalley.org/mather.html>

**Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Garden
Grower's Nursery, Santa Barbara,
California**

**Propagation Primer: Semi-Hardwood and
Herbaceous Cuttings with Bruce Reed**

April 14, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

With patience and a little expertise, you can propagate your favorite plants and eliminate the middleman! We will cover the theory and technique of using semi-hardwood and herbaceous cuttings, examine the tools of the trade, and the set-up of the propagation bed at the Garden's retail nursery.

Fee: \$15 members/\$20 non-members/\$10 students

Phone: (805) 682-4726, ext. 102

Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

**Tepusquet & Colson Canyon, Santa
Maria, California**

**Plant Hunters: Tepusquet and Colson
Canyon Area with Sally Isaacson and
Avis Keedy**

April 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Join Sally Isaacson and Avis Keedy for a springtime foray in the North County. Explore several plant communities and view a great diversity of flora, including some unusual plants, in the Tepusquet and Colson Canyon areas to the south and east of Santa Maria. Meet outside of Costco in Santa Maria at 9:30 sharp.

Fee: \$20 members/\$25 non-members/\$10 students

Phone: (805) 682-4726, ext. 102

Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

**Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Arroyo
Room, Santa Barbara, California**
**Close-up Nature Photography: Capturing
the Exquisite Details of Nature with
Stuart Wilson**

**April 18 and 25, 7-9 p.m.; Field Trip April
20, 9 a.m.-12 noon**

Join accomplished nature photographer Stuart Wilson to explore many different ways to take close-up nature photographs. Learn about the primary techniques and the equipment that are necessary. Individual instruction will be available during the field trip.

Fee: \$35 members/\$40 non-members/\$20 students

Phone: (805) 682-4726, ext. 102

Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

**Sweeney Granite Mountains Desert
Research Center, California**
**Desert Wildflowers: Sketching With
Watercolors**

April 18-21

This workshop offers the chance to know desert wildflowers intimately while sketching and painting them, with individual input from professional illustrator and botanist, Linda Ann Vorobik. The workshop will be conducted at a research station in the Mojave Desert with ample hiking opportunities to a variety of wildflower subjects. Mornings will include lectures and presentations and days will include short hikes to the field where participants will work on their field sketches with individual input from Linda. Evenings will be spent viewing, learning from, and enjoying the results of the day's labors! Beginning artists will benefit greatly from individual artistic instruction. Both beginning and experienced artists will receive valuable botanical information in addition to artistic critique. Enrollment is limited to 15 students.

Fee: \$230 non-members; \$210 members

Contact: Staci Markos

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E-mail: smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu

Website: <http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu>

**Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History,
Pacific Grove, California**
41st Annual Wildflower Show

April 19-21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

600 species and varieties of Monterey County wildflowers are collected, identified, and organized by members of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society during the week prior to this special event. The flowers are then displayed by family, with identification cards for each flower giving its common and scientific name, as well as information about its occurrence in Monterey County. This event is held annually at the height of the wildflower season, and wildflower field trips to remote areas will be conducted by the California Native Plant Society.

Fee: \$1 donation suggested

Sponsors: Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History; Monterey Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society
Contact: Paul Finnegan
Phone: (831) 648-5716 ext. 12
Website: <http://www.pgmuseum.org>

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Arroyo Room, Santa Barbara, California
Wildflowers in Watercolor, with JoAnn McGeever Metzger

Fridays, April 19-May 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Capture the structure and beauty of California wildflowers in vibrant watercolors! Beginning to advanced students are welcome. Come enjoy the spring as you learn to create delightful representations of spectacular Garden wildflowers.
Fee: \$45 members/\$55 non-members/\$22 students
Phone: (805) 682-4726, ext. 102
Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California
RSABG Earth Day
April 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fee: Free
Phone: (909) 625-8767
E-mail: ann.joslin@cgu.edu
Website: <http://www.rsabg.org>

Pre-trip meeting in the Arroyo Room at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California
Full Moon on Santa Rosa Island: A Camping Trip, with Steve Junak
April 23-26; Pre-trip Meeting and Lecture April 19, 7-9 p.m.
Experience the full moon on Santa Rosa Island! Steve Junak will be your guide on a four-day camping adventure to this fascinating island, where a fabulous view of the mainland is just one of the spectacular sights you will enjoy. Camping necessities and logistics will be discussed at the pre-trip meeting. Participants must be in good physical condition.
Fee: \$225 members/\$250 non-members/\$150 students
Phone: (805) 682-4726, ext. 102
Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

White Mountain Research Station, Bishop, California

Spring Flora of the White Mountains
April 25-28

The White Mountains are located at the southwest corner of the Great Basin floristic region, and their geologic and habitat diversity, high relief (over 10,000 feet from bottom to top), and proximity to the Sierra Nevada and Mojave Desert all contribute to an unusually rich flora. They contain one of the most thoroughly documented vascular floras of any desert mountain range, with nearly 1,100 taxa in 89 families and 375 genera. At lower elevations, the spring flora is characterized by a high diversity of flowering shrubs and other perennials, and in favorable years is especially rich in annual species of both Mojave Desert and Great Basin affinities.

The workshop will begin Thursday evening in Bishop with an evening slide show. Friday morning through Sunday afternoon will involve day trips to lower-elevation areas around the base of the range showing the best flowering conditions and/or interesting assemblages, and returning to Bishop each evening for more slides and discussion. One day trip may approach the snow line to observe the earliest species at higher elevations. Through driving tours (high-clearance, multi-passenger vehicles recommended) and easy to moderate walks (elevations generally 4000 to 7500 feet, and possibly to 10,000 feet), participants will have the opportunity to explore the general vegetation and geology of the lower White Mountains, explore and identify the flora of several different desert communities and habitats, and learn to observe some of the geographic and ecologic factors influencing species distributions and adaptations. Driving distances may be up to 100 miles each day.

Fee: \$230 non-members; \$210 members
Contact: Staci Markos
Phone: (510) 643-7008
E-mail: smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu
Website: <http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu>

Arroyo Room, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California
Discovering Ikebana: A Flower Arranging Workshop with Valerie Halverson
April 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Enjoy a hands-on experience with the

unique designs of Japanese flower arranging. Learn about the mechanics and concepts of the Ikenobo school of Ikebana, enjoy a Japanese style lunch, and make your own arrangements incorporating California natives. Instructor Valerie Halverson has been both an amateur and professional flower arranger and teacher.
Fee: \$65 members / \$70 non-members / \$35 students
Phone: (805) 682-4726, ext. 102
Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

**Humboldt County Office of Education,
Eureka, California**

**19th annual Spring Wildflower Show
May 3, 1-6 p.m.; May 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;
May 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Hundreds of species, subspecies, and varieties from Humboldt and Del Norte counties, speakers, poster exhibits, workshops, field walks, and a native plant sale. Visitors are encouraged to bring their cameras.

Fee: Free

Sponsor(s): North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, Nature Discovery Volunteers

Contact: Larry Levine

Phone: (707) 822-7190

Website: <http://www.northcoast.com/~cnps/wfs.htm>

**Valley Life Sciences Building, UC
Berkeley & local field trip, Berkeley,
California**

**Fire Ecology of California Ecosystems
May 4-5**

Fire has been an important evolutionary force in forests, shrublands, and grasslands throughout the California Floristic Province. This one day lecture/discussion/slide show and one day field trip will contrast the very different role of fire in life history evolution and contemporary ecology of these ecosystems. Focus will be on the effect of fire on the floristic and ecological contrasts between different plant communities. Discussion will consider the contemporary problems this natural ecosystem process presents to people living near the urban/wildland interface and potential management implications. On a local field trip, we will see examples of plant community responses to fire and, conditions

permitting, observe the often spectacular postfire flora that led Cal Academy botanist John Thomas Howell to once remark "Since only the kiss of the flame is needed to rouse dormant seeds from decades-long sleep, is it not strange that botanists do not turn arsonists on occasion that some floral phoenix might arise from the ashes?" (Sierra Club Bulletin, 1946).

Fee: \$190 non-members; \$170 members

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**County Fair Building, San Francisco,
California**

35th Annual Spring Sale

May 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Phone: (415) 661-1316

Website: <http://www.strybing.org>

**Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Arroyo
Room, Santa Barbara, California
Springtime on Santa Cruz Island**

**May 7-10; Pre-trip meeting and lecture
April 22, 5:30-7 p.m.**

Fly to Santa Cruz Island and celebrate spring. Explore pine forests, wooded canyons, coastal headlands, and spectacular beaches. We will stay at the U.C. field station and venture out daily on foot or in four-wheel drive vehicles.

Instructors: Steve Junak and Chuck Rennie

Fee: \$290 members / \$320 non-members / \$200 students

Phone: (805) 682-4726 ext. 102

Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

**Sedgwick Reserve, Santa Barbara
County, California**

**Spring Flora and Ecology of the
Sedgwick Reserve**

May 9-12

We will examine the 5,880 acre Sedgwick Reserve of the University of California Nature Reserve System. The reserve lies on the south slopes of the San Raphael Mountains of Santa Barbara County along the north edge of the Santa Ynez Valley. The reserve was given to the University of California by Francis "Duke" and Alice Sedgwick. The reserve boundaries transect lowlands of the Paso Robles formation cross the Little Pine Fault into serpentine and

metamorphic outcrops, and encompass two nearly complete watersheds. Habitats include live oak-blue oak woodland, valley oak savanna, native perennial grasslands, coastal sage scrub, riparian and vernal pool habitats, and serpentine outcrops. The reserve flora includes over 400 species of native plants, including a number of regional endemics. The course will emphasize the floristics of the vascular plants and ecology of the dominant plant communities of the reserve. We will hike throughout the reserve, which has over 38 miles of roads and trails. Afternoon and evening meetings will be held in Duke Sedgwick's sculpting studio. In addition to botanizing, ample opportunities exist for birding, photography, and painting.
Fee: \$230 non-members; \$210 members
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**Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Blaksley Library, Santa Barbara, California
Books, Books, and More Books!: Library Book Sale**

May 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

It's Saturday, May 11, the day before Mother's Day, and you still haven't found the perfect gift for Mom. Make a beeline for the Library Book Sale at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden where an outstanding array of new and used books will be available at very reasonable prices. Thousands of volumes on California native plants, birds, botany, gardening, ecology, California history and more. Featured items will include titles from the estate of long-time Botanic Garden volunteer Ada Wood. The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Library Book Sale will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, but come early for the best selection. All proceeds benefit the Blaksley Library collection.

Fee: Free

Phone: (805) 682-4726, ext. 102

Website: www.sbbg.org

**Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, Elk Grove, California
Spring Plant Sale**

May 11, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

California Native Plant Society, Sacramento Valley Chapter "Spring Native Plant Sale" as

part of "Walk on the Wildside & International Migratory Bird Day Celebrations" Plant sale highlights: Hard to find California native plants, Seeds & Posters, Books, Cards & Calendars, our vernal pool preservation t-shirt, Bluebird houses, Bat houses & much more. Also note: Info & preorder forms for native plants will be available on the Chapter web site. Celebration highlights: Guided & self-guided tours, Educational exhibits, activities & demonstrations, Live wild animal presentation, Children's Scavenger Hunt, activity booklet, prizes & other fun adventures, Live music & great food, Event & parking are FREE!!! Directions: To reach Native Plant Sale & Walk on the Wildside, take Interstate 5; exit at Pocket/Meadowview Road and drive east. At Freeport Blvd., turn south. Continue about two miles, through Freeport and past golf course. Turn left down the dirt road and continue until you reach the Beach Lake Picnic Area. For more celebration/location information: call (916) 775-4421. Want to help at the Plant Sale? If you do, call Sabrina at (916) 446-3974.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: CNPS Sacramento Valley Chapter

Contact: Sabrina

Phone: (916) 446-3974

E-mail: sabrinaoj@aol.com

Website: <http://www.cnpssacvalley.org>

Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds, Yreka, California

Siskiyou County Wildflower Show

May 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Displays of live plants; over 200 species, including ferns, weeds, trees, shrubs. Books, posters, t-shirts, informative displays will be available as well.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service; Shasta Chapter of the California Native Plant Society

Contact: Marla Knight

Phone: (530) 468-1238

E-mail: maknight@fs.fed.us

Website: <http://fsweb.klamath.r5.fs.fed.us>

Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes, San Luis Obispo County, California

California Coastal Dune Ecology, Restoration, and Flora

May 17-19

This field oriented course will cover the physical and biotic processes that underlie dune formation and ecosystem functioning, and how these processes relate to restoration. Field trips will be made to the USFWS's Guadalupe-Nipomo NWR to observe dune forms, vegetation, and flora, including rare and invasive species. Representatives from other agencies and organizations will provide tours of ongoing restoration projects. Evening slide shows will feature the dunes of the northern California coast, including new research in the role of tectonics in dune rejuvenation, biological soil crusts, and landscape/community level pollination ecology.

Fee: \$190 non-members; \$170 members

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Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Blaksley Library, Santa Barbara, California
Patterns On the Land: An Overview of the Central Coast Regions' Diverse Plant Communities

May 22, 7-7:50 p.m.

The central coast region includes moist seacoast and arid interior lands, deep sheltered valleys and high, exposed mountain ridges. The interplay of climate, soil and biological factors in these habitats favors a diverse array of plant communities: scrublands, grasslands, woodlands, and forests. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of this region's remarkable natural landscapes.

Instructor: Dr. Bob Haller

Fee: Free to members and students / \$2 non-members. Advance registration recommended.

Phone: (805) 682-4726 ext. 102

Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Blaksley Library, Santa Barbara, California
The Biodiversity of Endemism and Rarity
May 22, 8:10-9 p.m.

The central coast region, including the Channel Islands, is home to over 400 of California's rarest plants, many of which are found nowhere else in the world. The patterns of endemism and of natural rarity are associated with geological history,

climate, and the diversity of landforms and geology, to name a few. Participants will gain a greater insight into rarity and endemism in our flora.

Instructor: Dr. Dieter Wilken

Fee: Free to members and students / \$2 non-members; Advance registration recommended.

Phone: (805) 682-4726 ext. 102

Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Arroyo Room, Santa Barbara, California
Flowers in the Landscape

Fridays, May 24-June 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

JoAnn McGeever Metzger will lead her students outdoors to draw and paint plants and flowers in their natural setting. Students will be free to use a variety of media to explore and capture plants and landscapes together in their prime in early summer. The class is open to students of all experience levels. Materials for the first class will be provided. Instructor: JoAnn McGeever Metzger

Fee: \$40 members / \$50 non-members / \$20 students, Advance registration recommended

Phone: (805) 682-4726 ext. 102

Website: <http://www.sbbg.org>

UC Hastings Reserve, Carmel Valley, California
Pollination Ecology of Spring Wildflowers

May 31-June 2

Hastings, in the upper Carmel Valley, has been the site of numerous scientific field studies during the past 60 years. As a consequence, a great deal is known about the flora and fauna of this site. We will take advantage of this knowledge as we examine selected aspects of the pollination ecology of the Reserve's spring wildflowers. Several field exercises are planned to demonstrate how and when flowers make their pollen and nectar rewards available to pollinators, and how pollinators use their behavioral, morphological, and physiological adaptations to extract floral resources. Much of our attention will be focused on the rich variety of solitary bee species (200-250 species) and the flowers they visit at Hastings. Not to worry, none of the bee species we will study are in the least bit

aggressive. Various bee groups will be examined under magnification to observe relevant morphological adaptations. Participants will be instructed on the wide variety of methods that are used to study pollination relationships. During the evenings, talks will be presented on the topics of pollination syndromes in plants, bee diversity, global pollinator decline, and encouraging pollinators in your backyard environment. Co-sponsored with the Essig Museum of Entomology.

Fee: \$190 non-members; \$170 members

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Strybing Botanical Garden Nursery, San Francisco, California

General Sale with Perennial & Epiphyllums

June 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Phone: (415) 661-1316

Website: <http://www.strybing.org>

Field regions in the greater Bay Area, California

Thistles: The Good, the Bad, and the Beautiful

June 15-16

The thistle tribe (Cardueae) of the Compositae has its center of diversity (as measured by genus number or morphological diversity) in the Mediterranean Region. From this area, many species have become naturalized in North America and are noxious weeds of agriculture, horticulture, and rangelands. Controlling weedy thistles is an entire industry. There also are thistles that we don't hear so much about. The true thistles (Cirsium spp.) include about 80 species indigenous to North America. Many native North American species of Cirsium are characterized by populations with few individuals. Some species are among the rarest plants in the world. For example, of 28 native taxa recognized in The Jepson Manual as occurring in California, nine are listed in the California Native Plant Society's Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California as globally rare or endangered. The four species listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act all are

endemic to California. One of the worst threats faced by native thistles is removal by well-meaning resource managers and hikers.

In this workshop, we will spend Saturday visiting thistle localities in the North Bay. On Sunday, we will visit localities on the San Francisco Peninsula. We will focus on the identification of local thistles, with an emphasis on distinguishing native and introduced species. We will cover what is known about thistle relationships and evolution, particularly how thistles are similar to and different from other plant groups that have speciated in California. We will visit the fountain thistle, one of the rarest plants in the world, and will discuss its conservation biology. We will also see the promise and danger of biological control in restraining weedy thistles.

Fee: \$190 non-members; \$170 members

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White Mountain Research Station, Crooked Creek, California

Lupinus

July 11-14

With 74 perennial taxa, Lupinus is one of the largest genera in California. It is taxonomically complex and poses a challenge to those who wish to identify members of the genus. This workshop will introduce participants to the different complexes of perennial lupines in California. Emphasis will be on identification of alpine taxa in the field. Fresh material, herbarium specimens, and slides will also be used to show the morphological features that differentiate the complexes. Specialized lupine terminology will be discussed and explained. Local field trips will be taken to key specimens in the field using The Jepson Manual. An overview of the ecology and ethnobotany of lupines will also be discussed.

Fee: \$230 non-members; \$210 members

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Strybing Botanical Garden Nursery, San Francisco, California
General Sale with Bird & Butterfly Plants
July 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Phone: (415) 661-1316
Website: <http://www.strybing.org>

Sierra Nevada Field Campus, Yuba Pass, California
Salix
July 19-21

Salix has a well deserved reputation for being taxonomically difficult. Yet it is such an important component of wetland ecosystems that species identification is critical to ecological studies. This workshop will help participants learn to identify these important wetland species with confidence. This will be accomplished through field observation, laboratory study, and practical identification. We will consider the nature of taxonomic characters in Salix and their population variability, the behavior of sympatric species, and the importance of hybridization. The ecological requirements of Salix will be observed in the field. We expect to see about 15 species, both in the field and in the laboratory. A Guide to California Salix including keys, descriptions, distribution maps, and notes will be provided. The use of interactive keys will be emphasized. A database including all New World Salix and the necessary identification software will be available for use. If you have a PC computer (laptop) bring it along. We will take two short field trips, possibly into wet areas. If supported by enrollment, an additional class will be offered at the same location on July 26 -- 28, 2002. Please call the herbarium for scheduling confirmation. Participants may register for one session only.

Fee: \$190 non-members; \$170 members
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Strybing Botanical Garden Nursery, San Francisco, California
General sale with Shade Plants
August 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Phone: (415) 661-1316
Website: <http://www.strybing.org>

Strybing Botanical Garden Nursery, San Francisco, California
Open Nursery with Native Plants & Succulents
September 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Phone: (415) 661-1316
Website: <http://www.strybing.org>

Horticulture Dept, Ca Native Plant Area, Merritt College, Oakland, California
Native Plant Sale, East Bay Chapter CNPS
October 5-6, Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
36th annual California Native Plant Sale, brought to you by the California Native Plant Society, East Bay Chapter
Fee: Free
Sponsor: California Native Plant Society, East Bay Chapter
Contact: Shirley Mc Pheeters, Phoebe Watts
Phone: (925) 376-4095 or (510) 525-6614
Website: <http://www.ebcnps.org>

Strybing Botanical Garden Nursery, San Francisco, California
Trees, Ferns & Rhododendrons featured
October 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Phone: (415) 661-1316
Website: <http://www.strybing.org>

Strybing Botanical Garden Nursery, San Francisco, California
End-of-the-Season Sale
November 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Phone: (415) 661-1316
Website: <http://www.strybing.org>

COLORADO

Colorado National Monument, Colorado
Devil's Canyon Field Trip
March 23, 10 a.m.

Cindy Carlson will lead us on this trip in Colorado National Monument to look for lichens. Bring water, lunch and hand lens. This trip will not involve much walking. We will carpool to trailhead on a good gravel road. Meet at the Acorn station at the intersection of I-70 and Hwy 6 and 50. Please contact Cindy to confirm trip details. Please check the website for field trip rules and a waiver form.

Sponsors: Colorado Native Plant Society
Contact: Cindy
Phone: (970) 245-6465
Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Grand Junction, Colorado
Western Slope Native & Exotic Grass ID Workshop

April 6, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Peggy Lyon and Gay Austin will teach this workshop on how to identify 25-30 common western slope native and exotic grass species. For beginners to advanced. To be held in Grand Junction. Call for registration.
Fee: \$15

Sponsors: Colorado Native Plant Society
Contact: Gay Austin
Phone: (970) 641-6264
E-mail: austinaceae@frontier.net
Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Rabbit Valley, Colorado
Rabbit Valley Field Trip

April 27

Join us on this field trip for a nice variety of spring desert flora. A perfect trip for beginning botanists and plant enthusiasts, as well as those with seasoned plant id skills. Contact Gretchen for more information. Please check the website for field trip rules and a wavier form.

Sponsors: Colorado Native Plant Society
Contact: Gretchen Van Ryper
Phone: (970) 835-3268
E-mail: gretchenv@juno.com
Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Clifton, Colorado
Grand Junction Gunnison Bluffs Field Trip

May 18

Jeannie Wenger will lead the field trip on Saturday into the Gunnison Bluffs area near Clifton. Travelling west on HWY 70 near Grand Junction, turn south onto Business 70/HWY 6. Go approximately 2 miles. Turn south onto HWY 141 (32nd Road). Drive approximately 3 miles to Park and Ride (west side of road) near the CO Dept. of Transportation building. If you are coming from the south on HWY 50, before you get to Grand Junction take a right turn onto HWY 141 (32nd road) towards Clifton. The exit sign reads, Clifton and I-70 East or Business 70. This road leads to the 32 road

bridge across the CO River. The CO Dept. of Transportation building and Park and Ride are on the west side of the road after you cross the bridge. For more information, contact Gay. Please check the website for field trip rules and a wavier form.

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Contact: Gay Austin
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E-mail: austinaceae@frontier.net
Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado
Celebrating Wildflowers

May 20-24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and a speaker Thursday the 23rd at 6 p.m.

The third week of May is National Wildflower week. This is a great opportunity to pause and learn about the diversity of our natural surroundings and through education develop a deeper appreciation of our environment.

The Denver Botanic Gardens is hosting a week long event from May 20th to May 24th at the Gardens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. everyday. We will provide educational activities for children of all ages as well as coloring books, posters and other fun, educational materials. We welcome school groups as well as the general public.

Fee: Free May 20th and General Garden admission all other times

Sponsors: Denver Botanic Gardens; Bureau of Land Management; National Wildlife Federation; USDA Forest Service
Contact: Michelle DePrenger-Levin
Phone: (720) 865-3630
E-mail: deprengm@botanicgardens.org
Website: <http://www.botanicgardens.org>

Mesa State College, Grand Junction, Colorado
Xeriscaping with an Emphasis on Native Plants

May 31, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and June 1, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Evening presentation on "Xeriscaping with an Emphasis on Native Plants" with Jim Knopf, author of 2 books on xeriscaping. Saturday garden tour of 4 Grand Junction gardens with native plants.

Fee: \$5.00 Friday evening and \$10 for garden tour

Sponsor(s): Colorado Native Plant Society,

USDA Forest Service, Botanical Garden of
Grand Junction, Colorado Federation of
Garden Clubs

Contact: Gay Austin

Phone: (970) 641-6264

Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Grand Junction, Colorado

Mt. Callahan Beginner's Field Trip Near Grand Junction

June 8

Call Jeannie to let her know you're coming.
Please check the website for field trip rules
and a waiver form.

Sponsors: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Jeannie Wenger

Phone: (970) 256-9227

Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Colorado

Grizzly Creek Field Trip

June 29, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Peggy Lyon will lead this field trip just east
of Glenwood Springs. There is some uphill
hiking involved. Bring a lunch, water and
optional hand lens. Beginners welcome!
Contact Peggy to let her know you're
coming and directions. Please check the
website for field trip rules and a waiver form.

Sponsors: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Peggy Lyon

Phone: (970) 626-3195

E-mail: peglyon@ocinet.net

Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Crested Butte, Colorado

Crested Butte Wildflower Festival

July 8-14

Walk or hike with us under crisp blue skies
through mountain meadows, national forests
or the narrow alleys of the old historic district
in Crested Butte to view an abundant natural
display of pastoral wildflowers. Learn to
identify, photograph, paint, draw, heal with,
plant, cook and enjoy wildflowers through
one of our many workshops, tours, lectures,
slide shows or exhibits for all ages. Tour our
Native High Altitude Botanic Garden or the
numerous beautiful gardens that surround
our quaint Victorian village. Enjoy the
incredible wildflower renderings of local
artists on exhibit in our gallery. Wine, dine,
shop, hike, bike, stroll or just meander
through the Wildflower Capital of Colorado!
Join the Celebration!

Phone: (970) 349-2571

E-mail: wildflowerfest@crestedbutte.cc

Website:

<http://www.visitcrestedbutte.com/wildflower>

Crested Butte, Colorado

Crested Butte Wildflower Festival Pollination Walk

July 9, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon

A pollination biology lecture/walk to see
some of the diversity of pollinators and
pollination mechanisms found in Rocky
Mountain wildflowers. Led by Dr. David
Inouye, who has worked at the Rocky
Mountain Biological Laboratory since 1971.

Fee: \$35

Contact: Lee Renfrow

Phone: (970) 349-2571

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Website:

<http://www.visitcrestedbutte.com/businesspage.cfm?businessid=218>

Gunnison County, Colorado

Gunnison County High Altitude Field Studies, Part II

July 20-21, 9 a.m.

Saturday will be a continuation of last
summer's efforts to document populations of
two Colorado endemics, *Astragalus*
molybdenus (Leadville milkvetch) and
Physaria alpina (alpine bladderpod) in
Gunnison County. This trip will focus on the
Cumberland Pass area. Sunday will be a
general alpine flora and lichen day.
Botanists of all levels welcome both days!
Meet at the City Market parking lot in
Gunnison at 9 AM both days for carpooling,
or at the top of Cumberland Pass at 10:30
AM, Saturday and Sunday. Please check
the website for field trip rules and a waiver
form.

Sponsors: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Lori Brummer

Phone: (970) 641-3561

E-mail: lbrummer@gunnison.com

Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Grand Junction, Colorado

Eriogonum Identification Workshop

August 16-18

Dr. James Reveal will teach a fairly technical
workshop focusing on identification and
ecology of *Eriogonum* species of the
western slope and Colorado Plateau.

Advanced session. Workshop to be held in Grand Junction. Fresh specimens and microscopes will be available. Call for registration.

Fee: \$27 includes a box lunch

Sponsors: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Gay Austin

Phone: (970) 641-6264

E-mail: austinaceae@frontier.net

Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Storm Ridge, Colorado Storm Ridge Plant Survey

August 23-25

A reschedule of last summer's trek. Help search Storm Ridge for occurrences of *Eriophorum gracile* (bog wool or cottonsedge), which hasn't been recorded since 1964. Storm Ridge is in the West Elk Wilderness; getting there requires a one-day backpack from Horse Ranch Park over Beckwith Pass to camp at Cliff Creek crossing (4-1/2 miles and 1000 foot elevation gain and loss.) On Sunday, we'll hike cross-country (at least 6 miles, with up to 2000 feet elevation gain) into the basin north of Storm Ridge to survey several lakes and ponds for populations of *E. gracile*. *Altaicum* and possibly *Comarum palustre* (purple cinquefoil). We will return to the trail head on Monday. 25 person limit. To register call Larry. Please check the website for field trip rules and a waiver form.

Sponsors: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Larry Sanders

Phone: (970) 527-3618

Website: <http://www.conps.org>

Grand Junction or Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Sagebrush ID

September 15

Sagebrush ID with Roger Rosentreter, Idaho State BLM Botanist. Learn how to identify basic species and subspecies of sagebrush. Grand Junction or Glenwood Springs. Call for registration.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Gay Austin

Phone: (970) 641-6264

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Website: <http://www.conps.org>

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No events listed at this time.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (WASHINGTON)

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia Challenges in Urban Woodlands Restoration

March 21, 10 a.m.

What are these so-called "exotic invasives" and their native counterparts? And what are the consequences of soil erosion, soil compaction, and uncontrolled water runoff? This Woods Walk will explain the fundamentals of urban woodland restoration.

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, District of Columbia Plant Sale

March 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The best native plant nurseries of the region gather to offer a wide selection of native wildflowers, trees, shrubs, and vines for sale. A portion of the proceeds supports the Arboretum's Native Plant Collection.

Fee: Free admission

Sponsors: Friends of the National Arboretum

Phone: (202) 245-5898

Website: <http://www.usna.usda.gov>

U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, District of Columbia 16th Annual Lahr Symposium, Native Plants: The Wisdom of Natural Landscapes

March 23, 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

The wisdom of natural landscapes can be revealed to us by observation, scientific

study, and hands-on experience. The 2002 Lahr Symposium brings together the disciplines of ecology, botany, horticulture, landscape architecture and design in an effort to promote a better understanding of natural landscapes. The program also addresses the challenges of introducing native plants to disturbed and designed landscapes. Professionals and non-professionals alike will benefit from this informative daylong event. Visit USNA website for speaker bios and symposium schedule.

Fee: \$70 general public; \$56 FONA Members

Sponsors: U.S. National Arboretum; Friends of the National Arboretum

Contact: Jennifer Lebling

Phone: (202) 245-5898

E-mail: leblingj@ars.usda.gov

Website: <http://www.usna.usda.gov>

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

Spring Delights: The Greening of the Olmsted Woods

April 4, 10 a.m.

Spring Delights: The Greening of the Olmsted Woods. Join wildflower and horticultural experts for this series of walks designed to track the "greening" of the Woods. During this series, there will also be periodic theme tours.

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

Workday at Olmstead Woods

April 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Help remove invasive exotics in the Woods. Please meet at the George Washington Statue. Coffee, donuts and camaraderie!

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: Dede Petri

Phone: (202) 298-8109

Washington National Cathedral, Washington, District of Columbia Olmsted Woods Restoration Washington National Cathedral

Saturdays beginning April 7 and

continuing May through November and every Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Olmsted Woods, which is directly beside the National Cathedral on Wisconsin Avenue, is a good example of a terrace gravel site. The Cathedral is trying to restore this small woods to its original composition. This could become an easily accessible example of the correct way to do a restoration. Some of our members have been involved in the planning and now the work begins.

Horticulturist Elizabeth Brewster will direct volunteers in planting and/or the remove invasive exotics. Volunteers meet at the George Washington Plaza on Pilgrim Road.

Sponsors: Maryland Native Plant Society

Phone: (202) 537-2213

Website: <http://www.mdflora.org>

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

Native Plants and How Use Them Your Garden

April 11, 10 a.m.

Spring Delights: The Greening of the Olmsted Woods. Join wildflower and horticultural experts for this series of walks designed to track the "greening" of the Woods. During this series, there will also be periodic theme tours.

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

Bear Island, Washington, District of Columbia

Spring Wildflower Foray

April 13, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Gather at 9:30 am (to get hand-out) at Parking across from Old Angler's Inn on MacArthur Drive. Walking off at 10:00 am and returning at 1:30 pm. Bring: some lunch to eat on rocks overlooking Potomac at noon; botany books. Expect: ca. 50 plant species in flower. Difficulty: Easy walk in, steep portions on return (Billy Goat Trail) but option exists to return the way you came in. Leader: Dan H. Nicolson, Botany Curator, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Botanical Society of Washington

Website:

<http://www.oldanglersinn.com/map.html>

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

Spring Delights: The Greening of the Olmsted Woods

April 18, 10 a.m.

Spring Delights: The Greening of the Olmsted Woods. Join wildflower and horticultural experts for this series of walks designed to track the "greening" of the Woods. During this series, there will also be periodic theme tours.

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

Bear Island, Washington, District of Columbia

Spring Wildflower Foray

April 20, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Gather at 9:30 am (to get hand-out) at Parking across from Old Angler's Inn on MacArthur Drive. Walking off at 10:00 am and returning at 1:30 pm. Bring: some lunch to eat on rocks overlooking Potomac at noon; botany books. Expect: ca. 50 plant species in flower. Difficulty: Easy walk in, steep portions on return (Billy Goat Trail) but option exists to return the way you came in. Leader: Dan H. Nicolson, Botany Curator, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Botanical Society of Washington

Website:

<http://www.oldanglersinn.com/map.html>

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

The Road Not Taken: Woodlands in Literature

April 25, 10 a.m.

Spring Delights: The Greening of the Olmsted Woods. Join wildflower and horticultural experts for this series of walks designed to track the "greening" of the Woods. During this series, there will also be periodic theme tours.

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

Spring Delights: The Greening of the Olmsted Woods

May 1, 10 a.m.

Spring Delights: The Greening of the Olmsted Woods. Join wildflower and horticultural experts for this series of walks designed to track the "greening" of the Woods. During this series, there will also be periodic theme tours.

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

Flower Mart: Exploring the Olmsted Woods

May 4, all day

Pick up a special brochure introducing the Woods to children and their families at the All Hallows Guild booth. AHG members will be available to answer questions about the restoration project during the Mart.

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

Wildlife Oases in Urban Settings

May 9, 10 a.m.

Spring Delights: The Greening of the Olmsted Woods. Join wildflower and horticultural experts for this series of walks designed to track the "greening" of the Woods. During this series, there will also be periodic theme tours. Please note that a Bird Walk precedes the tour on May 9.

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

Bird Walk

May 9, 9 a.m.

As the Woods undergoes restoration, a guiding principle is the inclusion of groundcovers, shrubs and trees attractive to birds and other wildlife. Please join experienced birder Sheila Cochran at the George Washington Statue on these

morning walks. Wear sturdy shoes and don't forget your binoculars!

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

Olmstead Woods, Washington, District of Columbia

Bird Walk

May 16, 9 a.m.

As the Woods undergoes restoration, a guiding principle is the inclusion of groundcovers, shrubs and trees attractive to birds and other wildlife. Please join experienced birder Sheila Cochran at the George Washington Statue on these morning walks. Wear sturdy shoes and don't forget your binoculars!

Sponsors: All Hallows Guild, Washington National Cathedral

Contact: OW Infoline

Phone: (202) 537-2319

FLORIDA

Collier County Extension Service, Naples, Florida

South Florida Native Wildflower Symposium

March 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fee: \$20

Contact: Elan Miavitz-Brown

Phone: (941) 353-4244

Ramada Inn North, Tallahassee, Florida Florida Native Plant Society 22nd Annual Conference

March 21-24

Native Plants in Native Places: Botanical Treasures off the Garden Path. 22nd Annual Conference of the Florida Native Plant Society; includes field trips, outdoor workshops, presentations on native plants and landscapes, and scientific papers and posters, all devoted to exploring North Florida's botanical treasures.

Fee: \$100 non-members; \$75 members

Sponsors: Magnolia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

Contact: Cameron Donaldson

Phone: (561) 462-0000

E-mail: conference@fnps.org

Website: <http://www.fnps.org>

Morningside Nature Center, Gainesville, Florida

Spring Native Plant Sale

April 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sale of Florida native plants. A quarter of the sales go to Morningside Nature Center for educational programs.

Sponsors: Friends of Morningside, Paynes Prairie Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society

Contact: Gary Paul

Phone: (352) 334-2170

E-mail: paulga@gur.net

GEORGIA

Georgia

Field Trips for The Georgia Botanical Society

Various Dates, please check the website

All field trips are open to all folks interested in Georgia's native plants. Trips usually start at 10:00 am on Saturdays. Directions to the meeting site are published monthly in our newsletter, BotSoc News. Simply show up at the meeting site to join the trip. All field trips are tentative and subject to change. Before heading out to a BotSoc trip, it's a good idea to contact the field trip chair, Fred, to make sure the trip details have not changed.

Sponsors: The Georgia Botanical Society

Contact: Fred Parrish

Phone: (706) 557-2030

E-mail: fredparrish@mindspring.com

Website: <http://www.gabotsoc.org>

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

Wildflower Propagation A-Z

April 20, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Suzanne Tate, Shade Garden and Native Flora Garden Curator, SBG. Join Suzanne for a slide presentation on spring wildflowers as well as a hands-on session on propagating and caring for wildflowers in the home garden. The session will cover propagation of native herbaceous perennials from seeds, cuttings and division. Suzanne will emphasize growing wildflowers from seeds because they often require intriguing and variable environmental conditions to germinate.

Fee: \$12 non-members; \$10 members

Phone: (706) 542-6156

Website: <http://www.uga.edu/botgarden>

Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Spring Garden Festival and Native Plant Sale

May 4, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Botanical Science Department at Fernbank Science Center is excited to announce our Spring Garden Festival and plant sale. This year in addition to the plant sale (featuring many natives!), we are going to have talks and walks, storytelling, demonstrations, speakers, activities and more! The demonstration gardens will be a key feature in the Spring Garden Festival. Our featured gardens include the compost garden, the water garden, and the butterfly and hummingbird garden. with experts to guide you through all aspects of creating these wonderful gardens for native flora and fauna. The Georgia Native Plant Society, the Georgia Perennial Plant Association, the DeKalb Cooperative Extension Service and Master Gardeners will be our co-hosts with 'plant doctor' booths to answer all your questions!

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Fernbank Science Center, The Georgia Native Plant Society, Georgia Perennial Plant Association, DeKalb Cooperative Extension Service

Contact: Hannah Green Cousar

Phone: (404) 378-4311

E-mail: hannah.green@fernbank.edu

Website: <http://fsc.fernbank.edu>

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Give Plants a Voice! Conservation Camp (ages 9-11)

June 10-14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Many plants on Planet Earth are in danger of disappearing! Your help is needed to gather facts and spread the word about their problems. In this innovative conservation camp, children become plant investigators while they learn about fascinating endangered plants such as white-topped pitcherplant, pink lady slipper, hairy rattleweed, and more. While "meeting" the plants through puppet shows and stories, campers will investigate the problems that the plants face and discover what they can

do to help. The week is highlighted with outdoor games, experiments and hikes. Field trips will include the UGA Botany greenhouses, UGA horticulture gardens, and a local rock outcrop preserve.

Fee: \$75 non-members; \$70 members

Phone: (706) 542-6156

Website: <http://www.uga.edu/botgarden>

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Give Plants a Voice! Conservation Camp (ages 9-11)

June 17-21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Many plants on Planet Earth are in danger of disappearing! Your help is needed to gather facts and spread the word about their problems. In this innovative conservation camp, children become plant investigators while they learn about fascinating endangered plants such as white-topped pitcherplant, pink lady slipper, hairy rattleweed, and more. While "meeting" the plants through puppet shows and stories, campers will investigate the problems that the plants face and discover what they can do to help. The week is highlighted with outdoor games, experiments and hikes. Field trips will include the UGA Botany greenhouses, UGA horticulture gardens, and a local rock outcrop preserve.

Fee: \$75 non-members; \$70 members

Phone: (706) 542-6156

Website: <http://www.uga.edu/botgarden>

The State Botanical Garden of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Garden Earth Science Camp (ages 6-8)

June 24-28, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Earth is a garden that we all share. During these weeklong programs, children learn about garden earth while exploring the natural and cultivated areas of the Garden. Outdoor experiments, games, and trail walks highlight each day. Children meet puppets including Suga Magnolia who is in charge of the flowers, Oli Earthworm who takes care of the soil, and other fun characters such as Little Richard Pitcher Plant and Mitsy Mosquito. Indoor gardening projects and crafts complement the outdoor adventures.

Fee: \$55 non-members; \$50 members

Phone: (706) 542-6156

Website: <http://www.uga.edu/botgarden>

**The State Botanical Garden of Georgia,
Athens, Georgia
Garden Earth Science Camp (ages 6-8)**

July 8-12, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Earth is a garden that we all share. During these weeklong programs, children learn about garden earth while exploring the natural and cultivated areas of the Garden. Outdoor experiments, games, and trail walks highlight each day. Children meet puppets including Suga Magnolia who is in charge of the flowers, Oli Earthworm who takes care of the soil, and other fun characters such as Little Richard Pitcher Plant and Mitsy Mosquito. Indoor gardening projects and crafts complement the outdoor adventures.

Fee: \$55 non-members; \$50 members

Phone: (706) 542-6156

Website: <http://www.uga.edu/botgarden>

**The State Botanical Garden of Georgia,
Athens, Georgia
Garden Earth Science Camp (ages 6-8)**

July 15-19, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Earth is a garden that we all share. During these weeklong programs, children learn about garden earth while exploring the natural and cultivated areas of the Garden. Outdoor experiments, games, and trail walks highlight each day. Children meet puppets including Suga Magnolia who is in charge of the flowers, Oli Earthworm who takes care of the soil, and other fun characters such as Little Richard Pitcher Plant and Mitsy Mosquito. Indoor gardening projects and crafts complement the outdoor adventures.

Fee: \$55 non-members; \$50 members

Phone: (706) 542-6156

Website: <http://www.uga.edu/botgarden>

**Georgia
Native Plant Symposium: Earth Friendly
Gardening with Natives**

November 9

Fifth annual native plant symposium.

Sponsors: Georgia Southern Botanical Garden, Coastal Plain Native Plant Society

Contact: Stephanie Tames

Phone: (912) 871-1149

E-mail: stames@gasou.edu

HAWAII

No events listed at this time.

IDAHO

**Bishop's House by the Old Idaho
Penitentiary, Boise Foothills, Boise,
Idaho**

Celebrating Wildflower Walks

Thursdays in May, 6:30 p.m.

Boise NF (in partnership with INPS, BLM, and USFWS - i.e., Ray V.) is sponsoring the annual Celebrating Wildflowers walks in the foothills every Thursday evening in May.

Salmon, Idaho

Celebrate Wildflowers!

Month of May

Walks will be conducted in May for 1st & 5th graders in Salmon, Idaho. Approximately 160 children, plus teachers and chaperones (usually parents of the students) will participate. Employees of the Salmon-Challis National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, and Idaho Department of Fish & Game (& usually one or two volunteers) will lead the walks. Children are divided into groups of about 6 individuals per group so there's lots of one-on-one attention. Walks take place in desert scrub habitat on BLM land. The wildflower display varies from year to year, depending on precipitation & temperature, but it's never disappointing. Participants learn the names of plants, how they relate to garden-variety flowers they may be more familiar with, how the plants are used by people and wildlife, other plant values (aesthetics, erosion control), concerns about noxious weeds, adaptive strategies of plants to survive, and whatever else the leader thinks to discuss or children/teachers/parents ask about.

Contact: Patricia L. Hurt

E-mail: phurt@fs.fed.us

ILLINOIS

**Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe,
Illinois**

**Principles and Techniques of Plant
Population Monitoring**

**May 4 and 18, June 1 and 8 at various
times**

This course is an introduction to monitoring principles, objectives and methods. These topics will be discussed within a natural

areas management framework. Students will investigate, in the classroom and in the Garden's native habitats, a number of monitoring protocols. A variety of population distribution patterns and species' life history characteristics will be explored. Data gathering and simple data analysis will be covered. This course is designed for students who have basic field and plant identification skills, some course work in the Naturalist Certificate Program or related experience. Please dress for the weather, as outdoor activities are planned. A limited number of tuition scholarships, provided by the Chicago Wilderness "Plants of Concern Project," are available for those who commit to volunteer monitoring of rare species.

Fee: \$188 non-members; \$149 members

Contact: Susanne Masi

Phone: (847) 835-8269

E-mail: smasi@chicagobotanic.org

Website: <http://www.chicago-botanic.org>

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois

Recognizing Sedges in the Field

May 29, June 1, 8 and 22 at various times

You may be interested to know that many of the grasslike plants you encounter in native habitats in the Chicago region and elsewhere are not actually grasses.

Although similar-looking, they are members of an entirely different family of plants. In this course, you will be studying *Carex*, the largest and most diverse genus of the sedge family. Under the guidance of Jim Steffen, you will learn about the taxonomy, structure and ecology of this challenging group.

Sessions will involve fieldwork, both on and off the Garden grounds. Sedges of both woodland and prairie will be covered. This is an advanced course for students who have already completed Introduction to Botany or are familiar with the use of taxonomic keys. Transportation to off-site locations is on your own.

Fee: \$187 non-members; \$149 members

Phone: (847) 835-8261

Website: <http://www.chicago-botanic.org>

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois

Local Flora: Summer

June 19, 22, 26, and 29, July 10 and 13 at various times

Make the landscape come alive by learning to identify local plants in their habitats using plant identification keys. With the assistance of David Sollenberger, you will learn the botanical and common names and characteristics of native and introduced plants in the forests, prairies, wetlands and other areas of the Garden. You will also have the opportunity to study characteristics of the plant families that give rise to our diverse summer flora. The knowledge and skills you develop will be useful whether your interest is botany, ecology, gardening or art.

Fee: \$161 non-member; \$129 member

Phone: (847) 835-8261

Website: <http://www.chicago-botanic.org>

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois

Shrubs and Small Trees of the Chicago Region

July 17, 20, 24 and 27, August 3 at various times

This is a field course on the taxonomy, natural history and ecology of important native and non-native shrub species of northeastern Illinois. You will also consider restoration and land management issues. The recommended text is Peterson Field Guide, Trees and Shrubs by George A. Petrides.

Fee: \$187 non-members; \$149 members

Phone: (847) 835-8261

Website: <http://www.chicago-botanic.org>

INDIANA

Brown and Monroe Counties, Indiana Brown County Wildflower Foray

April 26-28

Free hikes and talks on plant identification, growing natives, trees, fungi, butterflies, and more.

Contact: T.C. Historic Site

Phone: (812) 988-2785

E-mail: tcsteele@bloomington.in.us

Pius X School, Indianapolis, Indiana Annual Native Plant Sale and Auction

May 22, 10 a.m.

Ross Hall at Saint Pius X School, 71st Street and Santo Drive (4 blocks east of Keystone). 7200 Santo Drive, Indianapolis,

IN.

Sponsors: Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society

Contact: Kelly Frank

E-mail: kiwison@frontiernet.net

Website: <http://www.inpaws.org>

**Karst Farm Park, Bloomington, Indiana
EarthFest: The Art of Nature**

May 18, 12 noon-4 p.m.

Free family event.

Fee: Free

Contact: Monroe County Parks and Recreation

Phone: (812) 349-2800

E-mail: cmeyer@co.monroe.in.us

IOWA

No events listed at this time.

KANSAS

Botanica-Wichita Gardens, Wichita, Kansas

Teacher Workshop From Sunflowers to Sand Plums: Ethnobotany and Food Styles of Historic Plains Indian Nations

June 17-18, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Plains Indian Nations of the 1700 and 1800's spent a majority of their time foraging, cultivating, processing, and preparing enough food for survival. Explore the wild staple crops that were prized, species and techniques for gardening, harvest and storage routines, and cooking methods. Storage and preparation of wild game will also be examined. Come away with interesting and informative texts, curriculum guides, supportive crafts and hands-on investigations, historic seeds, and ready-to-use modules for your classroom. You will also have the opportunity to sample some of these historic foods.

Fee: \$100, plus \$40 book and supply fee

Phone: (316) 264-0448

Website: <http://www.botanica.org>

Botanica-Wichita Gardens, Wichita, Kansas

Teacher Workshop Flying Flowers: Butterfly Gardening and Butterfly Curriculum

June 24-25, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Experience Botanica's free-flight butterfly house and specially-designed butterfly garden, and learn how to create your own butterfly paradise. Butterfly requirements, plant selection, and butterfly gardens in pots are just some of the topics covered. Then break into sections to explore butterflies across the curriculum, from art projects to microscope fun (and everything in between!). Come away with ready-to-use curriculum, projects to carry to the classroom, and tons of resources, props, and other material. Designed for elementary and middle school teachers.

Fee: \$100 plus a \$40 book fee

Phone: (316) 264-0448

Website: <http://www.botanica.org>

KENTUCKY

Yahoo Falls Recreation Area, Whitley City, Kentucky

Wildflower Walk

April 13, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Enjoy a guided hike through the woods to Yahoo Falls and learn about the local wildflowers that are blooming during the springtime. Hike is considered moderate and will involve walking up several steps. Meet at the Stearns Ranger Station at 9:45am or at the Yahoo Falls Recreation Area at 10:00 am.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service

Contact: Lynda Mills or Laurie Smith

Phone: (606) 376-5323

E-mail: lyndamills@fs.fed.us or lauriesmith@fs.fed.us

LOUISIANA

Barataria Preserve of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Marrero, Louisiana

Wild Iris Weekends

March 23-April 14, weekends 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Enjoy nature's annual spring wildflower show as the wetlands come alive with thousands of giant blue and copper-colored irises, spider lilies, salvias, and more. Park rangers and volunteers on trails to answer

visitor questions, spot wildlife, and staff a trailside "touch table." Wildflower walks 1:30 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Call for schedule of birdwatching walks, moonlight canoe treks, sunset strolls, and Saturday morning canoeing.

Fee: Free

Phone: (504) 589-2330 ext 10

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/jela>

MAINE

No events listed at this time.

MARYLAND

Audubon Naturalist Society Woodend Sanctuary, Maryland

Audubon Naturalist Society Woodend Sanctuary Invasive Removal

Second Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.

Vanquish the aliens! Plants, that is. Please join us at Woodend as we start a concerted effort to stem the spread of non-native plants on our property. This winter we are going to focus on English ivy, the butterfly garden, and certain edge habitats that have really gotten out of control. You can come for the entire time, or stop by whenever it is most convenient for you. Staff and/or trained volunteers will help supervise the effort and provide guidance. Bring: Appropriate clothing, gloves and tools such as clippers, saws, and loppers if you have them.

Fee: Free, but RSVP required

Sponsors: Maryland Native Plant Society

Phone: (301) 652-9188 ext30

Website: <http://www.mdflora.org>

Ruth Swann Park, Montgomery County, Maryland

Chapman Forest/Ruth Swann Park Alien Invasive Plant Removal

First Sunday of the month, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Help control and learn about alien invasive versus native plant species. Removal will be in the county park and in Chapman Forest State Park next to it. Eradicate alien invasive plants from most of the old growth area of Chapmans Forest. Discover a remarkably efficacious new technique for Japanese Honeysuckle as well as Tree of Heaven (if the ground stays wet) and Garlic Mustard.

We remove invasive growth to uncover rare natives such as Virginia Day Flower, Moonseed, grape fern species, and Chinquapin Oak. There will also be time for plant identification and a beautiful beach lunch. Alien invasives are the second biggest threat to biodiversity after habitat loss. A relatively small proportion of alien plants introduced are invasive. Some of these include common garden plants such as English Ivy & Japanese Honeysuckle. Removing invasive plants is a new and rapidly growing field only recently recognized as to it's importance in preserving native flora and fauna. We are actually developing and experimenting with many of the techniques we use. Join us! It's a great way to get outdoors, you learn about different plants and know you're doing something good for the environment at the same time! Clothing: Recommend to wear long pants, long sleeves, tennies or boots, a hat if it's sunny, layers if the weather might change. Bring: lunch, & water (beach picnic)

Sponsors: Maryland Native Plant Society

Contact: Marc Imlay

Phone: (301) 283-0808

Website: <http://www.mdflora.org>

Jug Bay Sanctuary, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Jug Bay Sanctuary Invasive Plant Removal and Habitat Enhancement

Second Saturday of the month through the summer, 10 a.m.

We will begin by removing Japanese Honeysuckle, as the weather warms up, we will begin re-planting areas with wildflowers, shrubs, and creating interpretive signs and brochures. Entrance fee to the Sanctuary is waived.

Fee: Free, but registration required

Contact: Jug Bay Sanctuary

Phone: (410) 741-9330

Website: <http://www.mdflora.org>

Brookside Gardens, Montgomery County, Maryland

Brookside Gardens Exotic Invasive Plant Removal Project

Second Sunday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Brookside Gardens is a 50-acre public garden that is a part of Wheaton Regional Park, Montgomery CountyMd.. This

parkland is protected from deer browsing giving a unique opportunity to observe which native plants will be returning to the uncultivated areas here. Working to keep exotic invasives "at bay" is an important aspect of this plan. Join us as we concentrate on the hillside overlooking the Aquatic Garden. This is our most infested area where we'll be attacking mostly oriental bittersweet, kudzu and wineberry. We'll move to other "hot spots" as needed. Meet at the Visitors Center Information Desk - If you arrive late pick up a map to work site just a short walk away! Tools are provided but if you have pruners and leather gloves please bring them. Dress for the weather. We recommend long sleeves, long pants and water resistant shoes.

Sponsors: Maryland Native Plant Society

Contact: Cheryl Beagle

Phone: (301) 962-1413

E-mail: cbeagle@mncppc.state.md.us

Website: <http://www.mdflora.org>

**Prince Georges Community College,
Prince Georges County, Maryland
Campus Native Plant Garden**

Ongoing

Ongoing development including clean-up and planting. Volunteers needed.

Sponsors: Prince Georges Community College; Prince Georges Master Gardeners

Contact: Tereza Marks

Phone: (301) 322-0438

E-mail: marksty@pg.cc.md.us

**Hollywood Swamp, Maryland
Indian Creek-Braided Stream Area**

March 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit a portion of the Hollywood Swamp, which contains a variety of plant communities and is host to many uncommon species. Basket Oak is present in one area, Swamp White Oak in another. A swamp portion includes the only known station of Bog Chickweed in Maryland. This site is a significant breeding area for salamanders and five turtle species have been observed. Maryland has recently purchased 75 acres to be saved but intense development is under consideration at neighboring sites, which may well leave this 75 acres so isolated as to be totally dysfunctional as an ecosystem. Our visits will expand the biological inventory of the site. We will

repeat visits on April 27 and May 18 of this year. All of these fieldtrips are co-sponsored by CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek). CCRIC also has bird walks to the site on April 14, June 2, August 11 and October 13. Leaders: Lou Aronica, Meghan Tice and Rod Simmons. Location: Take Greenbelt Road, east of Route 1, to Cherrywood Road. Take a left, go short distance to the Beltway Plaza parking lot on the right. Park in the corner near the Petsmart. Bring watertight footwear or boots for stream crossings, water and snack. Contact: Lou Aronica (202) 722-1081 (evenings).

Sponsors: Maryland Native Plant Society, Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek

Website: <http://www.mdflora.org>

**Aspen Hill Library, Rockville, Maryland
Ephemerals and Other Plants of Spring
March 26, 7:30 p.m.**

Maryland Native Plant Society monthly meeting. Rod Simmons will share slides of early blooming plants including those species which flower briefly known as the spring ephemerals. Both commonly occurring species and those that are seen infrequently will be shown. Rod will discuss specific areas where these plants can be found, including the underlying geology, in Maryland, D.C., and northern Virginia. This presentation is a guide to and seasonal celebration of some of the most beautiful and diverse areas of our region.

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**Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, Maryland
Our "Forgotten Pollinators" and the
Importance of Backyard Conservation
April 16, 7-9 p.m.**

Pollinators are an integral part of natural systems. Much of the food we eat relies on insect pollination for fruit development. Many of our native plants depend on insect pollination for their survival. However, our pollinators are under extreme pressure from habitat loss, pesticide usage, and introduced diseases and parasites. Gardens can be enormously helpful in providing safe and suitable habitat for pollinators. Join Leslie Gilbert for a slide show look into see the enormous diversity that exists in the

pollinating community. Learn about pollinator habitat needs and what you can do to help conserve pollinators. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$8 non-members; \$5 members

Contact: Adkins Arboretum

Phone: (410) 634-2847

Website: <http://www.adkinsarboretum.org>

MPEA, between Columbia and Clarksville, Maryland

Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA) Stewardship Project Howard County

April 18, 9:30 a.m.

Invasive vegetation has quickly become a serious threat to the area's ecosystem. Honeysuckle, oriental stiltgrass, bittersweet, multiflora rose and a host of other species are rampant in parts of the MPEA. MPEA natural resource managers and Stewardship Project leaders are hoping to devise and implement a plan of attack against these invaders. (By the way, the Patapsco Stewardship Project has now become the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area [MPEA] Stewardship Project.) Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA) Stewardship Project is sponsored by Howard County Recreation and Parks and the Howard County Master Gardeners. We will be discovering and learning about spring ephemerals while we work to remove garlic mustard. Meet 9:30 a.m. at Trotter Rd. parking lot located 0.8 miles south of Rt. 108 in Clarksville.

Fee: Free, but registration required

Sponsors: Maryland Native Plant Society, Howard County Recreation and Parks, Howard County Master Gardeners

Contact: Aylene Gard (phone) or Robin Hessey (email)

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E-mail: rh158@umail.umd.edu

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BioTrek Headquarters, Glen Arm, Maryland

Native Plants: Foundation Of The Web Of Life

**April 25 7-9 p.m. class; April 27 10 a.m.-
2:30 p.m. fieldtrip**

Because of their ability to capture energy from sunlight and use it to convert carbon dioxide to carbohydrate, plants are the

foundation of the food web. Plants also provide much of the physical structure of habitats. In return, insects and larger animals pollinate flowers and spread seeds away from the parent plant. We'll discover the visual and olfactory cues plants use to attract helpers, and their strategies to discourage excess herbivory. In our evening class, we'll follow plant-animal interactions through the seasons. For those interested in gardening for wildlife, information on suitable plants will be provided.

Our field trip takes us first to the rich woods of Virginia's Potomac shoreline at Scott's Run, where we'll find plants pollinated by flies (toadshade trillium, wild ginger), long-tongued bumblebees (wild blue phlox), and those with shorter tongues (star chickweed). We'll see plants that rely on ants to disperse their seeds (bloodroot), on turtles (mayapple), and upland game birds (jack in the pulpit, false Solomon's seal). Some (e.g., squirrel corn) produce fleshy corms attractive to rodents, which cache them for winter food. A few survive to become new plants. Moving to the drier upland woods of Difficult Run, we'll look for butterfly larval host plants, plants that live off other plants (squawroot), colonies of spring ephemerals that may be hundreds of years old, and plants that capture phosphorus during spring rains, releasing it to the benefit of other plants as their foliage decomposes in summer.

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Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, Maryland Plants and Plant Communities of the Delmarva Peninsula

April 25, 7-9 p.m.

The Delmarva Peninsula is a bridge between northern and southern plant communities, making it especially rich in diversity. Keith Clancy, botanist, photographer, writer, and president of the Delaware Native Plant Society, will share his extensive field experience and fantastic collection of photographs of rare and common plants and plant communities of the region.

Fee: \$8 non-members; \$5 members

Contact: Adkins Arboretum

Phone: (410) 634-2847

Website: <http://www.adkinsarboretum.org>

**Hollywood Swamp, Maryland
Indian Creek-Braided Stream Area**

April 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit a portion of the Hollywood Swamp, which contains a variety of plant communities and is host to many uncommon species. Basket Oak is present in one area, Swamp White Oak in another. A swamp portion includes the only known station of Bog Chickweed in Maryland. This site is a significant breeding area for salamanders and five turtle species have been observed. Maryland has recently purchased 75 acres to be saved but intense development is under consideration at neighboring sites, which may well leave this 75 acres so isolated as to be totally dysfunctional as an ecosystem. Our visits will expand the biological inventory of the site. We will repeat a visit on May 18 of this year. All of these fieldtrips are co-sponsored by CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek). CCRIC also has bird walks to the site on April 14, June 2, August 11 and October 13. Leaders: Lou Aronica, Meghan Tice and Rod Simmons. Location: Take Greenbelt Road, east of Route 1, to Cherrywood Road. Take a left, go short distance to the Beltway Plaza parking lot on the right. Park in the corner near the Petsmart. Bring watertight footwear or boots for stream crossings, water and snack. Contact: Lou Aronica (202) 722-1081 (evenings).

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Website: <http://www.mdflora.org>

**Northwest Branch, Montgomery County,
Maryland**

**English Ivy Removal in Northwest Branch
*Third Saturday of each month starting in
May, 10 a.m.***

We'll remove english ivy that has escaped from a residential property and is threatening the natives in an area near NW Branch, 4 Corners area. Directions: From intersection 29 (Colesville Rd) and University Blvd, go E. on University and turn (there's only left) on Williamsburg Dr. Stay on Williamsburg at the first fork you come to

(bear left), then at the second fork (Williamsburg N. v.s. S.) bear left again. Williamsburg turns into Big Rock Rd. after awhile at the bottom of the hill. 10204 Big Rock Rd. Bring water and gloves.

Fee: Free, call to confirm ivy removal conditions

Sponsors: Maryland Native Plant Society

Contact: Jane Osburn

Phone: (301) 754-1564

Website: <http://www.mdflora.org>

**Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely, Maryland
Natives for Sale**

May 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Come to the Arboretum's fall plant sale for the area's largest selection of ornamental native plants. There are 300+ varieties on sale. Choose from a large variety of native perennials, groundcovers, shrubs, vines & trees. Arboretum staff will be available to answer your gardening questions. Fun crafts and educational activities for children. Come early for the best selection! Sale's proceeds support Arboretum programs.

Sponsors: Adkins Arboretum

Phone: (410) 634-2847

Website: <http://www.adkinsarboretum.org>

**BioTrek Headquarters, Glen Arm,
Maryland**

**What Makes A Plant "Native"? --
Maryland's Diverse Native Plant
Communities**

***May 16, 7-9 p.m. class; May 18, 10 a.m.-1
p.m. field trip***

Species evolve to fit a niche, and Maryland has an exceptional range of niches. Five broad regions and several rare habitats created by geologic forces are subdivided by topography into uplands and lowlands of varying wetness. Each has its own characteristic plant community, with further specialization depending on soil type, exposure to sun, wind, and running water. And then, fire and floods, people and animals, climate change past and future all affect species composition. Our Thursday class covers the evolution of Maryland's plant communities since the last Ice Age, including the impacts of beavers and browsing animals, Native Americans, European colonization, agricultural, industrial, and suburban development, invasive species, and likely changes in the

21st century.

On Saturday, we'll explore the natural and successional habitats of Cromwell Valley Park just north of Baltimore. Located on a portion of the Cockeysville marble formation, it includes a rock outcrop where prickly pear grows. On the Minebank Run, we'll find typical riparian habitats, a 19th century lime kiln, and a dramatic example of how civil engineering can cause serious erosion and flooding. Farmed for over 200 years, several fields are now being allowed to succeed to grassland, shrubby edges, and woodland, managed to provide exceptionally diverse bird habitat. Second growth forest includes a north slope cool enough for hemlock; chestnut oak and blueberries on the acidic ridgetop; and rich woods where we may find showy orchis in bloom. Fire-adapted tree species re-sprout when cut: we'll see the Four Sisters, an ancient oak from which 4 huge trunks now rise. Invasive species proliferate along the edges but haven't done much damage to the forest interior yet. In this living laboratory, we'll explore methods of restoration and management applicable to home landscapes and volunteer projects on public land.

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and then working to remove autumn olive and ailanthus. We'll meet at 9:30 am at Southwind Circle in Columbia.

Fee: Free, but registration required

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Website: <http://www.mdflora.org>

BioTrek Headquarters, Glen Arm, Maryland

Designing A Garden That Works: Native Plants For Difficult Sites And For

Ecosystem Services

June 13, 7-9 p.m. class; June 15 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. field trip

In nature, plants are the living fabric of the ecosystem, and a major portion of its workforce as well. If you offer them a home, well-chosen plants can hold soil (even on steep, eroded slopes and banks), build up humus and fertility, slow and store rainwater, provide shade and evaporative cooling, and temper the force of wind. There are plants for acidic soils and plants that thrive where lime has leached from masonry, plants for sandy soils and for heavy clay, plants that tolerate heavy metals or grow on loose gravel, shade lovers and those that can bake in the sun. And all of them are valuable to native wildlife.

Learn to identify the challenges and opportunities your landscape offers, and select native plants adapted to its constraints and able to provide the services you want. Thursday's class provides an overview, while the field trip offers real-life examples and hands-on practice in observing and recording site features and analyzing the landscape's functional needs. We'll also learn to take a soil test, look at soil profiles, and read the county Soil Survey. Participants will receive a booklet of recommended native plants for several common landscape problems, including plants for new landscapes where the topsoil has been removed. Emphasis is on species indigenous to central Maryland from Baltimore to the Catocins. A list of regional nurseries that specialize in native plants will be provided.

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MASSACHUSETTS

Garden in the Woods, Framingham, Massachusetts

NEWFS Native Plant Sale

June 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

New England's largest sale and selection of native plants.

Sponsors: New England Wild Flower Society

Phone: (508) 877-7630

Website: <http://www.newfs.org>

Massachusetts

Invasive Plants from the Riverboat

August 3, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Imagine having a garden the size of the Connecticut River watershed that needs to be weeded and you have some sense of the task faced by Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Invasive Plant Specialist Cynthia Boettner. Come aboard the Quinnetukut II riverboat for an introduction to invasive species that are wreaking havoc on natural areas in the watershed; observe some well-entrenched invasives such as purple loosestrife, Japanese knotweed and Asiatic bittersweet; and learn about some lesser known species--how to identify them and what people can do to help control them. Also hear about a four year project undertaken by the Conte Refuge and numerous partners--including 79 volunteers in canoes--to prevent newly-arrived waterchestnut from joining its well-entrenched predecessors. Please register by the July 27 deadline.

Fee: \$9 adults; \$8 seniors; \$5 children; pre-registration required

Contact: Northfield Mtn. Recreation and Environmental Ctr

Phone: (413) 659-3714

E-mail: nerc@nu.com

MICHIGAN

Elliot Donnally Wilderness Tract, Marquette, Michigan

Spring Wildflower Hike

May 23, 9:30 am

The hike will be at the Elliot Donnally Wilderness Tract (State of MI land) and interested hikers can meet at the parking lot of the tract - on County Road 550, Marquette, MI. The area has an outstanding display of spring ephemeral flora within the floodplain.

Sponsors: Hiawatha National Forest, Northern Michigan University's Center for Lifelong Learning

MINNESOTA

**Minnesota Landscape Arboretum,
Chanhassen, Minnesota
Native Wetland Flora: Restoration and
Identification Workshop**

April 6, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

This one day workshop features a keynote address by Dr. Susan Galatowitsch on concepts of wetland restoration, followed by a practical case history of the Arboretum's meadow restoration. The remainder of the day includes concurrent sessions featuring beginning identification of wetland plants, advanced identification of wetland plants, a tour of the restored meadow, and a workshop on how to use the DNR's recently released "Restore your Shore" CD for developing wetland restoration projects appropriate to your ecoregion and site. The CD includes an encyclopedia of native MN plants with photographs, habitat and range information.

Fee: \$45 non-members; \$35 members of either organization

Sponsors: Minnesota Native Plant Society, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Contact: Shirley Mah Kooyman

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Website:

<http://www.stolaf.edu/depts/biology/mnps>

MISSISSIPPI

No events listed at this time.

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**Loose Park Garden Center, Kansas City,
Missouri**

Monthly Meeting

March 20, 7 p.m.

Monthly meeting at the Loose Park Garden Center, 52nd and Wornall. Note that we are still meeting at the usual place. Our speaker will be Jerry Monterastelli, Urban Forester, Missouri Department of Conservation. He will talk about using native trees in home landscaping, with information on planting and care of trees. Bring your questions about pruning and other tree care.

Sponsors: Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society

Contact: Sue Hollis

Phone: (816) 561-9419

Website:

<http://www.angelfire.com/mo2/kcmonps/>

**Powell Gardens, Kingsville, Missouri
A Prairie in Your Front Yard?**

April 6, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

Given that lawns are environmentally unfriendly, labor intensive and prone to fertilizer excesses, establishing a prairie in your yard is one healthy alternative. You will learn all the steps, from planning and soil preparation to planting and maintenance and learn that a prairie is not so difficult to create. A slide presentation will showcase native plants that you can use for year-round interest.

Fee: \$14 non-member; \$12 member

Phone: (816) 697-2600

E-mail: lbarton@powellgardens.org

Website: <http://www.powellgardens.org>

**Missouri Department of Conservation's
Powder Valley Conservation Nature
Center, Kirkwood, Missouri
Naturescaping Symposium**

April 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Reservations are necessary. Please call for more information or to request a form (starting March 15).

Phone: (314) 301-1500

**Lakeside Nature Center, Kansas City,
Missouri**

Earth Day

April 20

Earth Day at Lakeside Nature Center. The Chapter will be selling plants, etc.

Volunteers needed.

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**Cliff Drive, Kansas City, Missouri
Field Trip to Cliff Drive**

April 21, 12 noon

Field Trip to Cliff Drive to see the spring ephemerals, led by Larry Rizzo - meet at the KC Museum on Van Brunt.

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Contact: Sue Hollis

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**Powell Gardens, Kansas City, Missouri
Annual Plant Sale**

May 3-5

Annual native plant sale at Powell Gardens. Volunteers needed.

Sponsors: Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society

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Website:

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**Hamilton Seeds Nursery, Elk Creek,
Missouri**

Prairie Days!

May 4 & 18, and June 1, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Although we welcome you anytime, each spring we set aside three special Saturdays to share our enthusiasm and love for native plants. Enjoy and learn about our native heritage. Bring your lunch and spend the day with us. We hope to see you! Activities include a slideshow and talk in the morning and a short walk in the afternoon.

Fee: Free

Contact: Hamilton Seeds

Phone: (417) 967-2190

E-mail: hamilton@train.missouri.org

**Kansas City, Missouri
Field Trip to Winn Prairie and Tickwood
Prairie**

May 11, 12 noon

Field Trip to Winn Prairie/ Tickwood Prairie led by Larry Rizzo. Meet in the southwest corner of the Hypermart parking lot, go east from 87th Street off I-435, then south on Hillcrest Road. Bring water and lunch.

Sponsors: Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society

Contact: Sue Hollis

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Website:

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**Shaw Nature Reserve, Gray Summit,
Missouri**

Spring Wildflower Sale

May 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The widest selection of native plants available in the St. Louis area will be offered at the Spring Wildflower Sale. Nurseries

from Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas will offer hundreds of varieties of wildflowers, ferns, trees and shrubs to use in home landscaping and to attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Gardeners may select hardy native plants for sun or shade gardening, including butterfly milkweed, rose turtlehead, pale purple coneflower, dwarf crested iris, cardinal flower, compass plant, wild phlox and maidenhair fern. Missouri native seed will be available, as well as plants of the prairie, wetland, woodland and savanna. Admission to the sale is free. Signs will direct visitors to a special entrance on the west boundary of the Nature Reserve. Plenty of free parking will be available. The Shaw Nature Reserve of the Missouri Botanical Garden is a 2,400-acre nature reserve located in Gray Summit, Mo. For more information about the Spring Wildflower Sale, call Shaw Nature Reserve.

Fee: Free

Contact: Shaw Nature Reserve

Phone: (636) 451-3512

**Loose Park Garden Center, Kansas City,
Missouri**

Monthly Meeting

May 15, 7 p.m.

Program TBD. Monthly meeting at the Loose Park Garden Center, 52nd and Wornall. Note that we are still meeting at the usual place.

Sponsors: Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society

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**TBD, Kansas City, Missouri
WildLands BioBlitz**

June 15

Survey a site, probably Swope Park, and have representatives from lots of groups - birders, herpetologists, botanists, lepidopterists, and others all on the same day to get a snapshot picture of multiple things happening on a site - led by Larry Rizzo.

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Kirksville, Missouri
18th North American Prairie Conference
June 23-27

Promoting Prairie will be held in Kirksville, Missouri and is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Prairie Foundation, The Nature Institute, Missouri Nature Conservancy, Truman State University, the City of Kirksville, and the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce. Our goal is to gather prairie experts, enthusiasts and advocates to share knowledge and ideas, reach new constituencies, and build new partnerships. The conference should challenge attendees to educate communities and advance our knowledge about commitment to the conservation, restoration and reconstruction of prairie in North America. The meeting will include symposia, contributed papers (oral), poster sessions, workshops, and regional field trips.

Fee: TBA

Sponsors: Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Prairie Foundation, The Nature Institute, Missouri Nature Conservancy, Truman State University, City of Kirksville, Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce

E-mail: prairie@kvmo.net

Website: <http://www.napc2002.org>

Loose Park Garden Center, Kansas City, Missouri

Monthly Meeting

September 18, 7 p.m.

Monthly meeting at the Loose Park Garden Center, 52nd and Wornall. Note that we are still meeting at the usual place. Program TBD.

Sponsors: Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society

Contact: Sue Hollis

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Loose Park Garden Center, Kansas City, Missouri

Monthly Meeting

November 20, 7 p.m.

Monthly meeting at the Loose Park Garden Center, 52nd and Wornall. Note that we are still meeting at the usual place. Program TBD.

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MONTANA

UM Campus, Missoula, Montana
The Native Flora of the Northern Great Plains

March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Jim Romo, a grassland ecologist on sabbatical leave from the University of Saskatchewan, will show slides and tell stories about "The Native Flora of the Northern Great Plains." Rm L14 Gallagher Business Bldg, UM Campus.

Sponsors: Montana Native Plant Society

Website: <http://www.umt.edu/mnps>

Carroll College, Helena, Montana
Montana Moss and Liverworts

March 19, 7 p.m.

Hands-on night! Andrea Pipp present a mini-session on Montana moss and liverworts in room 321 at Carroll College. Bring a hand lens. No experience necessary.

Sponsors: Montana Native Plant Society

Phone: (406) 449-6586

Website: <http://www.umt.edu/mnps>

Montana Logging Association Building, Whitefish, Montana

Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem

March 20

Naturalist Ralph Walcott will give a stunning slide show on the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem.

Sponsors: Montana Native Plant Society

Contact: Rachel Potter

Phone: (406) 892-2446

Website: <http://www.umt.edu/mnps>

UM Campus, Missoula, Montana
Herbarium Night

March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Herbarium Night. Peter Stickney concludes the exploration of "Montana Liliaceae: The

Stout-stemmed Lilies." Rm. 303 Natural Sciences (Botany) Bldg, UM Campus.
Sponsors: Montana Native Plant Society
Website: <http://www.umt.edu/mnps>

**UM Campus, Missoula, Montana
Montana's Forest Wildflowers**

April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Get ready for wildflower season. Join Missoula photographers who will show slides of "Montana's Forest Wildflowers." Rm L14 Gallagher Business Bldg, UM Campus.

Sponsors: Montana Native Plant Society
Website: <http://www.umt.edu/mnps>

**Montana Logging Association Building,
Whitefish, Montana
Native Plant Gardener's Open House**

April 17

Native plant growers of the area will be invited to share information on how to obtain and grow native plants. Bring your own success stories to share with other gardeners! Native plants will also be available to purchase.

Sponsors: Montana Native Plant Society
Contact: Rachel Potter
Phone: (406) 892-2446
Website: <http://www.umt.edu/mnps>

**Montana Logging Association Building,
Whitefish, Montana
Preparing Herbarium Grade Plant
Specimens**

May 15

Maria Mantas, Flathead national Forest Botanist and Flathead Chapter President will give a hands on workshop on Preparing Herbarium Grade Plant Specimens (collection ethics will also be discussed).

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**J. Neils Memorial (Airfield) County Park,
Libby, Montana
Wildflower Walk**

June-July

Self guided walk through a ponderosa pine forest for viewing of native wildflowers.

Fee: Free

Sponsor: Lincoln County Park, Libby District of the Kootenai National Forest

Contact: Debbie Bond
Phone: (406) 293-7773
Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/kootenai>

**Bitterroot National Forest, Hamilton,
Montana**

Annual Spring Wildflower Walk

June 8, 10 a.m.

Two years following a wildfire is usually when you see the most magnificent wildflower displays. We'll walk through an area burned in 2000 to view species such as lupine, arrowleaf balsamroot, paintbrush, death camas, mariposa lily, and annuals galore.

Sponsors: U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Contact: Linda Pietarinen
Phone: (406) 363-7172
E-mail: lpietari@fs.fed.us

**Rasmuson Wildlife Center, Theodore
Roosevelt Memorial Ranch, Dupuyer,
Montana
"Mountains, Reefs, and Plains" Montana
Native Plant Society 2002 Annual Meeting
June 28-30**

Annual statewide meeting of the Montana Native Plant Society, on the northern Great Plains at the foot of the spectacular Rocky Mountain Front Range. Includes social activities and field trips. Please check the website for a schedule of activities.

Fee: \$13 registration fee (before June 1); \$15/night for bunkhouse lodging
Sponsor(s): Flathead Chapter, Montana Native Plant Society
Contact: Maria Mantas
Phone: (406) 862-3044
Website: <http://www.umt.edu/mnps>

NEBRASKA

No events listed at this time.

NEVADA

**North Lake Tahoe Demonstration
Garden, Incline Village, Nevada
Demonstration Garden Classes
June-July, Thursdays at 6 p.m.**

The classes are free and topics range from high elevation gardening, native plants, high sierra wildflowers, green houses and season

extenders, water conservation, best management practices, etc...

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Waste Not

Contact: Waste Not

Phone: (775) 831-8603

E-mail: wastenot@ivgid.org

Website: <http://www.ivgid.org>

NEW HAMPSHIRE

No events listed at this time.

NEW JERSEY

No events listed at this time.

NEW MEXICO

Oliver Lee State Park, Alamogordo, New Mexico

Native Plant Hike

April 13, 8:30 a.m.-mid-afternoon

This rigorous off-trail hike along the bottom of Dog Canyon will highlight the plants of the Chihuahuan Desert riparian environment.

Plant, bird, photography, and hiking enthusiasts are encouraged to participate.

Fee: Free

Sponsor: Native Plant Society of New Mexico - Otero Chapter

Contact: John Stockert

Phone: (505) 585-2546

E-mail: jstoc30330@aol.com

Website: <http://npsnm.unm.edu>

Sugarite Canyon State Park, Raton, New Mexico

Pollinators and Herbivores

June 22-23

Learn to Identify butterflies and their host plants. This workshop has two field trips and an evening of instruction by butterfly experts Steve Cary and Linda Wiener. Camp at the Sugarite Canyon State Park or stay in nearby Raton.

Fee: \$45 non-members (includes 1 year NPSNM membership); \$25 Native Plant Society members

Sponsors: Native Plant Society of New Mexico; New Mexico Parks Division

Contact: Ann Ellen Tuomey, HCR 74 Box 22605, El Prado, NM 87529-9526,

Phone: (505) 776-5866

E-mail: jimae@laplaza.org

NEW YORK

Waterman Conservation Center, Apalachin, New York

NY's Endangered and Threatened Plants

April 14, 2 p.m.

Have you seen any rare plants lately? We want to know! At this meeting, we will be going over the "New York Rare Plant Status List". Of the over 500 plants on the list, only 27 are listed as probable occurrence in Tioga County. We would like to get information from amateur botanists and wildflower enthusiasts on the location of some of these plants in Tioga County, document them with photographs and send the information to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Sponsors: Waterman Conservation Center

Website: <http://www.tier.net/waterman>

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Tours of Coker Arboretum

Third Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.-12 noon

The Arboretum is located in the heart of the UNC-Chapel Hill Campus on the corner of Cameron Avenue and Raleigh Street. No Registration Required. Meet at the stone circle near the center of the arbor on Cameron Avenue. Spring Profusion March 16 - The season offers a parade of color and fragrance that changes daily. (Some early-flowering bulbs and ephemerals are so short-lived, they are easily missed without frequent visits to the Arboretum!) April Showers April 20 - This is a great time of year to rejuvenate your soul. Spring tonics, fresh air, rain and sunshine all combine to add a little vigor to the plant and human worlds. May Flowers May 18 - Spring blooms fade as brilliant hues of summer emerge.

Fee: Free

Phone: (919) 962-0522

Website: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg/>

North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Tours of the Plant Collections

Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

First-Saturday-of-the-Month Tour led by NCBG Curators. All other Saturdays led by trained NCBG Tour Guides. No Registration Required. Meet at the stone gathering circle in front of the Totten Center. Among them, NCBG's Curators and Tour Guides have many decades of experience in the garden, on the trail and in the literature. On each of these informal tours, you will walk the Garden during prime morning time with one of our experts and get his or her special slant on things horticultural and botanical. Questions and discussion welcomed. These tours are free and open to the public; no registration is required.

Fee: Free

Phone: (919) 962-0522

Website: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg/>

North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Daily Plant Sale Returns

April 2

You are cordially invited to come by and enjoy browsing through our offerings of healthy native plants and herbs. Look for the plant shelves outside the south side of the Totten Center. Among other early offerings, the sale will include columbine, *Aquilegia canadensis*; fire pink, *Silene virginica*; bloodroot, *Sanguinaria canadensis*; eastern blue phlox, *Phlox divaricata*; creeping phlox, *Phlox stolonifera* 'Sherwood purple'; deciduous wild ginger, *Asarum canadense*; little brown jug, *Hexastylis virginica*.

Proceeds support the Garden's mission. For information on specific plant availability, call 919-962-0522 on or after April 2.

Fee: Free

Phone: (919) 962-0522

Website: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg/>

WE-DU Nursery, Marion, North Carolina

WE-DU Nursery Open House

April 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

They carry many native plants, available mainly through mail order, but are open for a few days each spring and fall.

Contact: WE-DU Nurseries

Phone: (828) 738-8300

Website: <http://www.we-du.com>

North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Orange County Garden Club Council Plant Sale

April 20, 9-10:30 a.m.

Don't miss the annual plant sale whose inventory is supplied by Orange County Garden Club Council members who take shovel in hand and dig from their own gardens! Proceeds benefit NCBG.

Fee: Free

Phone: (919) 962-0522

Website: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg/>

Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina

Medicines from the Earth, 2002

June 1-3

Tenth annual symposium on botanical medicine. Features of the symposium: *Beautiful facility on 1200 forested acres- lodging, dining and lectures all within walking distance *Over 40 presentations on botanical medicine by practitioners and researchers. *Plenary Sessions: Sleep Disorders; Weight Management; Favorite Adaptogens *Six intensive workshops: Field Study of Native Plants; Immune Therapies; Cardiovascular Disease; Autoimmune Disease; Preparation of Quality Botanical Medicines; Herb Cultivation and Processes *Keynote Address: The Integration of Botanical Medicine into Mainstream Medical Practice- Tieraona Low Dog, MD *Herb walks on the wooded acres surrounding Blue Ridge Assembly

Fee: \$245 by 4/17/02; \$295 by 5/12/02; room, board and workshops extra

Phone: (800) 252-0688

E-mail: info@botanicalmedicine.org

Website: <http://www.botanicalmedicine.org>

North Carolina Botanical Garden, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Third Eastern Native Grass Symposium

October 1-3

Contact: Johnny Randall

E-mail: jrandall@email.unc.edu

Website: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg/>

NORTH DAKOTA

Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge, Kenmare, North Dakota Lostwood NWR Pre-Centennial Open House

June 17-23

Help celebrate the 99th Anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System as we appreciate past, present and future refuge partners- ranchers, community, and conservationists. Lostwood NWR is a 27,000 acre mixed-grass prairie dotted with 4100 wetlands - classic Missouri Coteau topography. Seventy-five percent of the refuge is virgin prairie. About 110 species of the composite family and 100 species of grass can be found in this region of North Dakota. Visitors can solo using the self guided auto tour route or participate in a variety of scheduled group activities. Bird walks will take place every morning from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Prescribe fire personnel will demonstrate equipment, tactics and safety on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Researchers will lead daily field trips between 9 a.m. and noon on the refuge detailing amphibians and reptiles, grassland mammals, Missouri Coteau geology, native plant usage and identification, and wetland ecology. Youth activities will be highlighted by a skull and bone scavenger hunt. Attend a western style BARBEQUE on Saturday, June 22 for a mix of social and educational activities. Special tours may be available for large groups; please call for details.

Fee: Free

Contact: Bob Danley - Lostwood NWR Bio Tech

Phone: (701) 848-2722 ext 26

Sullys Hill National Game Preserve, Devils Lake, North Dakota Sullys Hill Birding and Nature Festival August 1-4

The Sullys Hill Birding and Nature Festival is, simply put, a celebration of birding, nature, and history. The purpose of this festival is to offer educational, engaging, and enjoyable programs, presentations, workshops, and outdoors recreational opportunities for people who enjoy birding and the outdoors. Visitors have opportunities to take guided birding & nature walks or on

your own walks in and around Sullys Hill, the Lake Alice National Wildlife Refuge, Kelly's Slough National Wildlife Refuge, Grahams Island State Park, Fort Totten State Historic Site, and other areas in the Devils Lake region of North Dakota. The Spirit Lake Sioux will be holding their annual Pow Wow in nearby Fort Totten throughout the weekend with special events for the visiting public. Educational booths will be open throughout the festival and activities are available for children and people of all ages! Join us for the Second Annual Sullys Hill Birding and Nature Festival and enjoy a fun and educational celebration of migratory birds, wildlife, and nature!

Fee: Various see website, register early

Website: <http://www.sullyshillbirdfest.com>

OHIO

Fawcett Center, Columbus, Ohio Wild Ones 2002 National Conference July 11-14

"Low-Maintenance Landscaping with Native Plants." For home gardeners and landscapers of corporate and public places. Keynote address: Andy Wasowski, "The Landscaping Revolution." Detailed program information, registration form, and membership applications on website.

Fee: \$40-50; Free parking

Contact: Clyde Dilley

Phone: (614) 939-9273

E-mail: dilley.2@osu.edu

Website: <http://www.for-wild.org>

OKLAHOMA

No events listed at this time.

OREGON

Rough and Ready Area of Critical Environmental Concern, Cave Junction, Oregon Earth Day Wildflower Walk

April 20, 10 a.m.m

Search for rare serpentine flowers along Rough and Ready Creek, a well known botanical area since the 1930s.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Native Plant Society of Oregon
Siskiyou Chapter, Siskiyou Regional
Education Project
Contact: Linda Mazzu
Phone: (541) 618-2277
E-mail: linda_mazzu@blm.gov

**Veva Stansell Hummingbird Garden,
Gold Beach, Oregon
Wildflower Hike at Veva Stansell
Hummingbird Garden**

May 4, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the Gold Beach Ranger District in Gold Beach, 29279 Ellensburg Ave. and car pool up Quosatana Creek Road to the Hummingbird Garden. The "garden" is an abandoned rock quarry in a serpentine area that has been lovingly re-planted with natives. This short, but steep hike will be lead by Forest Service botanist, Maria Ulloa and Melissa McDowell.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Gold Beach Ranger District,
Siskiyou National Forest

Contact: Gold Beach Ranger District

Phone: (541) 247-3600

E-mail: mmcdowell@fs.fed.us

**Oregon Zoo, Portland, Oregon
Celebrating Wildflowers**

May 18

This day will be in conjunction with the opening of the new Butterfly Exhibit at the zoo. We host this day with our Partners the BLM, Xerces Society, Oregon Native Plant Society, and the Berry Botanic Garden, and others.

**Otter Point, Gold Beach, Oregon
Wildflower Hike to Otter Point**

May 18, 9:30 a.m.

Meet at the Gold Beach Ranger District office in Gold Beach, 29279 Ellensburg Ave. and car pool to trailhead. Easy hike down to the beach will be lead by long-time south coast botanist, Veva Stansell. We'll see crowberry (*Empetrum nigrum*), Wolf's evening primrose (*Oenothera wolffii*), Indian paintbrush (*Castilleja* spp), leathery polypody (*Polypodium scolopendri*), licorice fern, (*P. glycyrrhiza*), and sea thrift (*Armeria maritima*) and more.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Gold Beach Ranger District,
Siskiyou National Forest

Contact: Gold Beach Ranger District
Phone: (541) 247-3600
E-mail: mmcdowell@fs.fed.us
Christmas Valley/ Silver Lake/Fort Rock,
Oregon

**Celebrate Wildflowers: Areas of Critical
Environmental Concern on BLM Lands
Wildflower Identification and Tour**

June 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Meet at Silver Lake US Forest Service Compound, west of Silver Lake, Oregon 9 a.m. Spend the day in the Fort Rock/Christmas Valley area of Oregon visiting the Black Hills, Table Rock and other interesting locations to view and identify spring wildflowers. There is no fee.

Transportation will be provided; bring your own lunch and plenty of water, hat, hiking shoes/boots, and sun screen. Please leave dogs at home.

Contact: Lucile Housley, Lakeview
Resource Area botanist, Bureau of Land
Management

Phone: (541) 947-6131

E-mail: lhousley@or.blm.gov

**Fish Creek Rim Proposed ACEC (north of
Adel), Oregon**

**Celebrate Wildflowers: Areas of Critical
Environmental Concern on BLM Lands
Wildflower Identification and Tour**

June 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Meet at Lakeview Interagency Office (BLM/USFS) south side of Lakeview 8 a.m. Spend the day in mixed sagebrush steppe and juniper forest with low and tall sagebrush species. There is no fee.

Transportation will be provided; bring your own lunch and plenty of water, hat, hiking shoes/boots, and sun screen. Please leave dogs at home.

Contact: Lucile Housley, Lakeview
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Management

Phone: (541) 947-6131

E-mail: lhousley@or.blm.gov

PENNSYLVANIA

**Delaware Valley College, Doylestown,
Pennsylvania**

Bucks Beautiful Garden Fair

March 16-17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Enjoy a preview of spring with our eye-catching display of native plants in bloom, watch a wildflower video, pick up free handouts and enter our drawing to win a prize. Attend a slide talk about native wildflowers presented by Gabrielle Sivitz, the Preserve's Education Coordinator. This annual garden fair features seminars and exhibits at Delaware Valley College, Route 202 South, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.
Phone: (215) 348-3913
Website: <http://www.bucksbeautiful.com>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Landscaping with Native Plants**
March 23, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Hosted at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, this joint program with Bucks County Audubon/Honey Hollow Environmental Education Center is an introductory workshop designed for area homeowners interested in learning about the benefits of native plant landscaping, its importance to wildlife, and how to recognize and control invasive non-native plants.
Fee: \$15 non-members; \$10 members; preregister by March 15
Phone: (215) 862-2924
Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Knowing Native Plants Class: "Signs of Spring"**
March 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
The promise of spring is just around the corner. Meet the early flowering plants and learn about the ways they've adapted to this sometimes-harsh time of year. We'll focus on species such as snow trillium, skunk cabbage and hepatica. Slides/discussion followed by an outdoor tour.
Fee: \$12 non-members; \$8 members; preregistration required
Phone: (215) 862-2924
Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Knowing Native Plants Class: "The Spring Ephemerals"**
April 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Affectionately called the "spring lovelies," spring wildflowers such as buttercup,

bluebell, spring beauty and twinleaf color the forest floor this time of year. Learn why these wildflowers are called ephemeral and how their life cycle works. Slides/discussion followed by an outdoor tour.
Fee: \$12 non-members; \$8 members
Phone: (215) 862-2924
Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Earth Day Observance/Volunteer Day**
April 20, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Spring Spruce-Up at Bowman's Hill": Volunteer to help with general grounds clean-up and removal of invasives, possibly some planting. A delicious hot lunch will be served.
Fee: Free; preregister by calling
Phone: (215) 862-2924
Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Wildflower Weekend**
April 27-28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Join us at the height of the spring wildflower season for two full days of wildflower walks and engaging, useful workshops.
Fee: Call for information
Phone: (215) 862-2924
Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust,
Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania
Native Plant and Wildflower Sale with
Workshop**
May 3, 2-7 p.m. and May 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (sale); May 4 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (workshop)
The topic of the workshop is "Twelve Months to a Healthy Garden." The sale is part of the Trust's Growing Native program under the supervision of the Trust's Restoration Specialist, Nathan Burns, who holds a degree in ornamental horticulture and environmental design from Delaware Valley College, and Marjorie Bayersdorfer, who maintains an ecological approach in her garden in Elkins Park. Volunteers meet regularly on Friday mornings to propagate plants that, in addition to the semi-annual sales, are available for purchase either on Friday mornings or by calling the Pennypack Trust at (215) 657-0830 to arrange an appointment to browse and buy at the

nursery. Many plants propagated through the efforts of the program are also planted throughout the Trust's property.

Phone: (215) 657-0830

Website: <http://www.libertynet.org/pert>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Spring Native Plant Sale**

May 11-12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Over 200 species of high-quality herbaceous and woody plants will be offered for sale for your spring planting. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers are on hand to help you choose the most suitable plants for your site and to answer questions. Free resource/educational materials available. Refreshments for sale.

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Exploring Native Plant Communities**

May 18

Join us to explore these two local natural treasures. Nockamixon State Park offers mature deciduous forest, stream and lakeside habitat where we'll find such interesting species as squawroot and wild comfrey. Then we'll check out Quakertown Swamp, a 400-acre wetland complex with buttonbush, swamp rose and many other wetland plant species. We may even see a beaver! Joint field trip with Bucks County Audubon to Nockamixon State Park and Quakertown Swamp. Call the Preserve for departure time and to pre-register by 4 p.m. Friday, May 17th at (215) 862-2924. Ask about van carpooling.

Fee: \$15 non-members; \$10 members; preregistration required

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Knowing Native Plants Class: "Flowering Shrubs"**

May 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Mid-Atlantic region has one of the best flowering shrub seasons anywhere. The native shrubs fill the Preserve with color and fragrance in spring. We'll pay particular attention to the viburnums, azaleas and

laurels. Gardeners can learn about the wildlife value and landscape beauty that native shrubs provide. Slides/discussion followed by an outdoor tour.

Fee: \$12 non-members; \$10 members; preregistration required

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Exploring Native Plant Communities**

June 1

This 50-acre preserve, southwest of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is overseen by Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. Over 75 species of wildflowers and more than 20 species of ferns can be found in and around a ravine that makes up the main corridor of the preserve. Some plant species that are normally found further north and south of our region have made their home in the special limestone habitat that exists here. Field trip to Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve. Call the Preserve for departure time and to pre-register by 4 p.m., Friday, May 31, (215) 862-2924. Ask about van carpooling.

Fee: \$15 non-members; \$10 members; preregistration required

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Millersville University, Lancaster County,
Pennsylvania**

**Native Plants in the Landscape
Conference at Millersville University**

June 6-8

This year's conference takes us back to our "roots" (pun intended) focusing on the best plants and practices for natural garden design and habitat restoration. Our featured speaker lineup is one of the most impressive groups we've had the pleasure to be associated with and includes: Richard Bir; North Carolina State University Professor, Darrel Morrison; Landscape Architect and Professor at the University of Georgia, Lorraine Johnson; Canadian Garden Writer and author of "100 Easy-to-Grow Natives", Colston Burrell; Colston Burrell, award winning author and garden designer; Rick Lewandowski, Director of the Mt. Cuba Center for the Study of Piedmont Flora Program. Highlights also include Go Wild - Habitat Restoration for the Back Yard; "A

Sense of Wonder" - a play by Kaiulani Lee depicting the life of Rachel Carson; The Rhythm of Native Plant Communities: Merging Ecology with Music; Plants of Promise - Cultivars vs. Straight Species - a truthful comparison; Coping with Deer in the Garden; Field trips to North Creek Nurseries and the Milton Hershey School Environmental Center; Pre-conference workshops on Native Plant Propagation and Grass, Rush and Sedge identification.

Fee: Various, call for information

Contact: Professional Training and Education

Phone: (717) 872-3030

E-mail: profdev@millersville.edu

Website: <http://muweb.millersville.edu/~npit/>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Knowing Native Plants "Focus on Ferns"
June 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Some native plants don't flower at all. Learn about Pennsylvania's diverse ferns and their unusual reproductive habits in this popular program. Slides/discussion followed by an outdoor tour.

Fee: \$12 non-members; \$8 members; preregistration required

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Growing Native Plants, "Propagation from Cuttings"**

July 6, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Join Bill Lamack, our Nursery Manager, and learn to propagate native perennials and shrubs from cuttings. Participants will bring home cuttings they start in class to grow on and plant in their own yards. All materials included.

Fee: \$12 non-members; \$10 members; preregistration required

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Knowing Native Plants: "Meander Through Our Meadow"**

July 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Come to this class and check out the fourth year of our 5-acre meadow project. See

native meadow plant species, including wildflowers and grasses, and learn about meadow succession stages.

Slides/discussion followed by an outdoor tour.

Fee: \$12 non-members; \$8 members; preregistration required

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Community Open House Day**

July 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

We invite our neighbors to join us for our Third Annual Community Open House a fun day of free, guided wildflower walks, children's activities, refreshments, musical entertainment and prizes. Whether you're new to the area or a long-time resident, come and experience the beauty of the Preserve at this popular event. You'll see our wildflower meadow in its glory, find out about our educational programs and mingle with our enthusiastic staff, volunteers and Board members.

Fee: Free

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Exploring Native Plant Communities and
Raptor Migration at Hawk Mountain**

August 31

Join us on a special Labor Day field trip to experience the beauty of Hawk Mountain. Enjoy a visit to their colorful Native Plant Autumn Garden (many of the plants came from BHWP) and then hike to the South & North Overlooks to view migrating raptors. Call the Preserve for departure time and to pre-register by 4 p.m., Friday, August 30, (215) 862-2924. Ask about van carpooling.

Fee: \$15 non-members; \$10 members

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Fall Native Plant Sale**

September 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Over 200 species of high-quality herbaceous and woody plants, ready for fall planting, will be offered for sale. Knowledgeable staff and

volunteers are on hand to help you choose the most suitable plants for your site and answer questions. Free resource/educational material available. Refreshments also available for purchase.

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Fall Native Plant Sale**

September 14-15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Over 200 species of high-quality herbaceous and woody plants, ready for fall planting, will be offered for sale. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers are on hand to help you choose the most suitable plants for your site and answer questions. Free resource/educational material available. Refreshments also available for purchase.

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

One World Environmental Camp, Spring Mills, Pennsylvania

Fall Equinox 2002: A Gathering of Kindred Spirits

September 20-22

This gathering is a fundraiser for United Plant Savers, a non-profit 501c-3 with a mission to preserve, conserve, and protect native medicinal plants of North America. Sponsored by the Permaculture Committee of the School of Living Land Trust (non-profit 501c-3). Keynote Speaker: Steven Foster. Special Guests: Ruchatneet Printup, Paul Neidhart, Hank Higgins, Bill Russell, Jennifer Tucker, Andrew Faust, Kat Alden, Carol Lindsay, Rebecca Lerner, Jennifer Chesworth, and more.

Contact: White Water Herbs - Jennifer Chesworth

Phone: (814) 466-7264

E-mail: WWHerbs@aol.com

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Knowing Native Plants: "Fall Flowers:
The Amazing Aster Family"**

September 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

This class will focus on the showiest groups of fall bloomers - the Aster family (including sunflowers, asters and goldenrods). With slides and field study, much can be learned about these unique flowers and their

amazingly successful reproductive strategies.

Fee: \$12 non-members; \$8 members

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Exploring Native Plant Communities**

September 28, 10 a.m.-12 noon

The Pine Barrens is a harsh habitat in which to grow, with sandy, acidic and sterile soil and very dry surface conditions. Therefore, the plants found there are unique. We will visit Lebanon State Forest, a 32,012-acre park that is a prime example of Pine Barrens habitats, including Atlantic white cedar swamp, mature forest and shrub areas. Special plants such as Pine Barrens gentian and Pine Barrens goldenrod are found there. Field trip to the Pine Barrens/Lebanon State Forest. Call the Preserve for departure time and to pre-register by 4 p.m., September 27.

Fee: \$15 non-members; \$10 members

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Dominion's Oakford Station/ Beaver Run,
Murrysville, Pennsylvania
Backyard Buffers**

October 12, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Beautify your home; Improve water quality; Increase wildlife habitat; Learn about planting streamside vegetation in your backyard: Erosion and runoff prevention, Wildlife benefits, When and how to plant. Receive a brochure on streamside buffers and what to plant, fact sheets on buffers, hands-on training, and lunch!

Fee: Free

Sponsor(s): Three Rivers Habitat Partnership

Contact: Ann Magdic

Phone: (412) 777-2464

E-mail: magdica@onebox.com

Website:

<http://www.wildlifehc.org/threerivers>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Knowing Native Plants: The Trees of
BHWP**

October 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Do you know which native tree was originally used to flavor root beer? Or what

native fruit that raccoons love? Learn about our many native tree species in the glory of their fall color! The class will cover how to identify the trees of the Preserve through their leaves, bark and seeds, as well as tree lore. Slides/discussion followed by an outdoor tour.

Fee: \$12 non-members; \$10 members; preregistration required

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

**Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
Visitor Center, New Hope, Pennsylvania
Knowing Native Plants "Winter Botany:
Seed Study"**

November 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Although plants look dormant now, there is still a lot happening under the surface. See what's going on with seed structure and dispersal, and discover the fascinating ways plants prepare for winter. Slides/discussion followed by an outdoor tour.

Fee: \$12 non-members; \$8 members

Phone: (215) 862-2924

Website: <http://www.bhwp.org>

PUERTO RICO

No events listed at this time.

RHODE ISLAND

No events listed at this time.

SOUTH CAROLINA

**The Mall at Furman University Campus,
Greenville, South Carolina
Native Plant Sale**

April 20, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Native wildflowers, grasses and shrubs for sale.

Fee: Free

Sponsor(s): Upstate Chapter of SC Native Plant Society

Contact: Bill Sharpton

Phone: (864) 297-1890

Website:

<http://www.clemson.edu/scnativeplants>

**Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina
5th Annual Symposium of the South
Carolina Native Plant Society**

April 27-28

From Nature's Garden to Yours.

Fee: \$100

Contact: John Brubaker (phone) or Michael Jenkins (email)

Phone: (843) 928-4001

E-mail: grassman@lowcountry.com

**Barnwell Elementary School, Barnwell,
South Carolina**

**Habitat Stewards Introduction Workshop
June 15, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Learn the basics of wildlife habitat creation and enhancement on school grounds, as well as other places throughout the community. Tour the Schoolyard Habitat site at Barnwell Elementary and learn about the process of creating wildlife habitats, funding and other resources, Carolina Fence Gardens, and wildlife habitats in the curriculum.

Fees: \$10 per person to cover lunch and materials

Sponsors: South Carolina Wildlife Federation, The Palmetto Garden Club of Denmark, Wildflower Garden Club, the Blackville Garden Club, Wildwood Garden Club of Barnwell, Barnwell Garden Club

Contact: Sara Green

Phone: (803) 256-0670

E-mail: sara@scwf.org

Website: <http://www.scwf.org>

**Clemson Sandhills Research Center Lake
House, Columbia, South Carolina
Wildlife Habitat Extravaganza**

August 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Explore the process of creating wildlife habitat, and receive detailed information about local wildlife, native plants, and organic gardening as well as many other topics. Meet others who are interested in creating habitat and learn how you can get involved in more wildlife habitat enhancement projects in your community. Includes visits to Sandhills Children's Garden and area Schoolyard Habitats.

Fees: \$15 per person to cover lunch and materials

Sponsors: South Carolina Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation

Contact: Sara Green

Phone: (803) 256-0670
E-mail: sara@scwf.org
Website: <http://www.scwf.org>

South Elementary School, Dillon, South Carolina
Habitat Stewards Introduction Workshop
October 19, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.

Learn the basics of wildlife habitat creation and enhancement on school grounds, as well as other places throughout the community. Tour the wildlife habitat sites at South Elementary, East Elementary, and the Dillon County Welcome Center. Also learn about the process of creating wildlife habitats, funding and other resources, butterfly gardens and Carolina Fence Gardens, and wildlife habitats in the curriculum.

Fees: \$10 per person to cover lunch and materials

Sponsors: South Carolina Wildlife Federation, Rose Garden Club, South Elementary School, East Elementary School

Contact: Sara Green

Phone: (803) 256-0670

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Website: <http://www.scwf.org>

SOUTH DAKOTA

Badlands National Park, Interior, South Dakota

Focus on Plant Diversity Week

August 4-10

Special events and programs relating to the restoration of native prairie plants in an area 55% covered in mixed grass prairie

Fee: \$10 entrance fee per passenger vehicle

Sponsors: Badlands National Park, National Park Service

Contact: Marianne M. Mills

Phone: (605) 433-5240

E-mail: marianne_mills@nps.gov

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/bad/>

TENNESSEE

Growild, Fairview, Tennessee
Annual Open House

May 3-4, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

A native plant nursery propagating and

growing wildflowers, ferns, grasses, shrubs and trees. Discounts on all plant material during the open house. Talks given by Mike Berkley both days. Call or e-mail for directions or give address for invitation mailing list. Our nursery is only open by appointment. This is our only open event a year.

Contact: Growild, Inc.

Phone: (615) 799-1910

E-mail: growildtb@aol.com

TEXAS

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas

Container Gardening with Native Plants
March 16, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

Join Andrea DeLong-Amaya in this one-day workshop and learn how to make a beautiful container garden with native plants, including: plant and container selection, design and placement, assembly, soils, and maintenance. Create your own container planting to take home.

Fee: \$35 non-members; \$30 members; includes container planting

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas

The Conservation of Medicinal Plants
March 16, 1-2 p.m.

Join Ellen Zimmermann, Director of the Austin School of Herbal Medicine as she discusses how many widely used medicinal herbs are at risk of disappearing from the wild. Learn about the efforts of United Plant Savers, an organization dedicated to conserving medicinal plants.

Fee: Free with admission

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas

Using Grasses in the Landscape
March 17, 1-4:30 p.m.

Get friendly with the native grasses as Pat McNeal, owner of McNeal Growers, shares the secrets to making grasses a stunning part of your landscape. This one-day class will cover all things related to healthy

grasses in the landscape.

Fee: \$35 non-members; \$30 members

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

Zilker Botanical Gardens, Austin, Texas
The Conservation of Medicinal Plants

March 20, 7 p.m.

Unfortunately, many widely used medicinal herbs are now "At Risk" of becoming endangered. Andy Sansom (former TPWD Director) says that urbanization, fragmentation, and loss of water source are the greatest threats to Texas wildlife. Add some logging practices and wildcrafting (including pharmaceutical company harvesting) and you have the reasons one of two non-profit, grass roots organizations have placed more than 25 US and Canadian medicinal herbs on "At Risk" and "Watch" lists. Today's slide show of North American medicinal plants provides a visual guide to the purposes, projects, plants and people that make up The United Plant Savers.

Fee: Free

Contact: Ellen Zimmermann

Phone: (512) 301-0959

Wild Basin, Austin, Texas
Native Plant Walk

March 24

Thinking of planting natives in your yard? This up close look at the shrubs, trees and plants of Wild Basin will teach you common and scientific names, interesting facts, and landscape information. Reservations required.

Phone: (512) 327-7622

E-mail: hike@wildbasin.org

Website: <http://www.wildbasin.org>

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas
Creating a Water Garden

March 24, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

David Mahler of Environmental Survey, Inc will discuss the how-to of creating water gardens, from small container "wetlands" to larger concrete and rock sculptures. Learn how to bring a water garden to your home in this one-day workshop. Water features at the Wildflower Center and a survey of over 50 native Texas plants and fish useful in creating a water feature will be used as practical examples.

Fee: \$35 non-members; \$30 members

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas
Spring Gardening Festival

April 6-7, 9a.m.-5 p.m.

Discover the beauty and wonder of native plants - learn from lectures and walks throughout the weekend. Specials at Wild Ideas: The Store with how-to books and guides, and wildflowers galore. Children's activities will include story time in the Little House at 2 p.m.

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas
Basically Native Workshop

April 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Andrea DeLong-Amaya covers the basics of native plant gardening in Central Texas, including landscape concepts, plant selection, site preparation, installation, and maintenance.

Fee: \$35 non-members; \$30 members

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas
Planting the Future: Protection and Conservation of Our Native Medicinal Plants

April 14

A benefit conference for United Plant Savers, www.plantsavers.org. Join world-reknown herbal experts in Cultivation of Medicinal Herbs, Using Herbs as Medicine, Sustainable Herbal Practices, Plant Walks, and Marketing Strategies for Organically Cultivated Medicinal Herbs. Proceeds benefit The United Plant Savers.

Fee: \$45 before April 1; \$55; children over 6 half-price

Phone: (512) 292-4200

SFA Mast Arboretum, Nacogdoches, Texas
Plant Sale

April 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Garden Gala Day. Plant Sale, Walk and Talk

Lectures, Rare Plant Auction, Entertainment, Booths, and Refreshments.

Contact: Dr. Dave Creech

Phone: (936) 468-4343

E-mail: dcreech@sfasu.edu

Website:

<http://www.sfasu.edu/ag/arboretum>

**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center,
Austin, Texas**

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April 21, 1-4:30 p.m.

Get friendly with the native grasses as Pat McNeal, owner of McNeal Growers, shares the secrets to making grasses a stunning part of your landscape. This one-day class will cover all things related to healthy grasses in the landscape.

Fee: \$35 non-members; \$30 members

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center,
Austin, Texas**

Container Gardening with Native Plants

April 27, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

Join Andrea DeLong-Amaya in this one-day workshop and learn how to make a beautiful container garden with native plants, including: plant and container selection, design and placement, assembly, soils, and maintenance. Create your own container planting to take home.

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Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center,
Austin, Texas**

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Fee: \$35 non-members; \$30 members

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center,
Austin, Texas**

Plants & People

May 18-19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

An ethnobotany festival.

Fee: \$7 non-members; \$5.50 members

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website: <http://www.wildflower.org>

**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center,
Austin, Texas**

**Workshop: Texas Prescribed Burn
School**

June 3-7

The Texas Prescribed Burn School is the course approved by the Texas Prescribed Burn Board and administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture. This course meets the training requirements needed for the Certified Burn Manager Program. Topics for this course include fire weather, fuel moisture, topography, ecology, burn plans, regulations, post-burn management and the Certified Burn Manager Program. The course is open to private landowners, consultants and land management agencies. Lead instructor is Keith Blair, Red Buffalo, LLC.

Fee: \$500 by May 7; \$600 after May 7

Phone: (512) 292-4200

Website:

<http://www.wildflower.org/fireschool.html>

**SFA Mast Arboretum, Nacogdoches,
Texas**

Plant Sale

October 5

Fabulous Fall Festival. Plant Sale, Walk and Talk Lectures, Rare Plant Auction, Entertainment, Booths, and Refreshments.

Contact: Dr. Dave Creech

Phone: (936) 468-4343

E-mail: dcreech@sfasu.edu

Website:

<http://www.sfasu.edu/ag/arboretum>

UTAH

**Jordan Valley Water Conservancy
District, West Jordan, Utah**

**Gorgeous Utah Native Plants for
Landscaping**

June 6, 7-8:30 p.m.

Free class on Utah native plants, with a

focus on those most suitable for landscaping. Taught by Dr. Susan Meyer, USDA Shrub Lab Ecologist and native plant propagator. See some great slides and a wealth of information about many of Utah's prized natives! Space is limited, to register call 1-877-728-3420.

Fee: Free

Phone: (877) 728-3420

**Jordan Valley Water Conservancy
District Demonstration Gardens, West
Jordan, Utah**

Garden Fair and Open House

June 8, 8 a.m.-12 noon

The Garden Fair is like a Farmer's Market, with the emphasis on water conservation in the landscape. This Garden Fair also includes the Open House for Phase 2 of the demonstration Garden. Local native plant suppliers, landscapers and irrigation contractors will be present to sell their products. Non-profit organizations such as the Center for Water Efficient Landscapes and the Utah Native Plant Society will have booths throughout the garden to answer questions and give valuable information about water conservation. For more information call 1-877-728-3420.

**Jordan Valley Water Conservancy
District Demonstration Gardens, West
Jordan, Utah**

Garden Fair

July 13, 8 a.m.-12 noon

The Garden Fair is like a Farmer's Market, with the emphasis on water conservation in the landscape. Local native plant suppliers, landscapers and irrigation contractors will be present to sell their products. Non-profit organizations such as the Center for Water Efficient Landscapes and the Utah Native Plant Society will have booths throughout the garden to answer questions and give valuable information about water conservation. For more information call 1-877-728-3420.

**Jordan Valley Water Conservancy
District, West Jordan, Utah
Trees and Shrubs for Waterwise
Landscaping**

August 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Free class on low-water-use trees and shrubs that can be incorporated in

residential landscapes; both hard to find Utah natives and those found at the local garden center. Taught by Doug Kilgren, City of Sandy Water Conservation Coordinator. Space is limited, to register call 1-877-728-3420.

Fee: Free

Phone: (877) 728-3420

VERMONT

No events listed at this time.

VIRGINIA

**Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen,
Virginia**

Naturalizing with Natives

April 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Begin this session with a presentation on native plant communities then explore basic design concepts and the use of natives in a landscape, practice your skills with a design workshop and learn about making "strong spaces" with plants. Afternoon activities include a hands-on plant propagation workshop addressing seed collection, storage, sowing, and vegetative propagation and a discussion of care and maintenance.

Fee: \$45 per person covers instruction only

Sponsors: The Wintergreen Nature Foundation

Contact: Kate Durkee

Phone: (434) 325-7473

E-mail: info@twnf.org

Website: <http://www.twnf.org>

**The Virginia Living Museum, Newport
News, Virginia
Wildflower Sale**

May 4-5 and 11-12

More than 40 species of native perennials, trees, shrubs and ferns grown by the Virginia Living Museum and the John Clayton Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will be available. Including: Cardinal Flower, Atamasco Lily, Wild Columbine, Beautyberry, Winterberry, and many more..... Information about the color, size, blooming period and site preference of the various plants will be available for you to take home. Also, expert wildflower gardeners will be on hand to answer your

questions and help you make your selections.

Phone: (757) 595-1900

Website: <http://www.valivingmuseum.org>

**Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen,
Virginia
19th Annual Spring Wildflower
Symposium**

May 10, 6 p.m. to May 12, 1 p.m.

A chance for beginner and expert botanists to learn more about the spectacular flora of central Virginia's Blue Ridge. From identification to propagation and wildflower gardening, the guided hikes, lectures and workshops are an excellent opportunity to meet some of Virginia's finest botanists.

Fee: \$115 per person for instruction only

Sponsors: The Wintergreen Nature Foundation

Contact: Liz Salas

Phone: (434) 325-7451

E-mail: info@twnf.org

Website: <http://www.twnf.org>

**Shenandoah National Park, Luray,
Virginia
16th Annual Wildflower Weekend
May 11-12**

Join us as we celebrate native woodland wildflowers with two days of hikes, walks, slide programs, & other activities. Park rangers & volunteer experts will lead hikes along favorite wildflower trails such as South River Falls, Hightop Mountain, the Mill Prong, & the Appalachian Trail. There will be children's programs, wildflower identification for beginners, a birding hike, & Appalachian wildflower folklore. Our park botanist will lead a special day-hike into the wilderness area along Rose River. There will be a mystery wildflower hike to Millers Head, butterfly discovery walks, & more.

Fee: Free with \$10-per-car entry fee to the park, good for one week; no reservations necessary

Sponsors: Shenandoah National Park; the Shenandoah National Park Association; ARAMARK, the official park concessioner.

Phone: (540) 999-3397 or (540) 999-3283

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/shen>

**Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria,
Virginia
Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale**

May 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Potowmack Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society, will offer a wide variety of native plants donated by members or propagated at Green Spring Gardens. A number of commercial native plant nurseries also participate in the sale. Call for VNPS information. Directions to Green Spring Gardens Park: From Interstate 395, exit at Route 236 West (Little River Turnpike) in Alexandria, turn right at Green Spring Road and proceed 1 block north to the park entrance.

Sponsors: Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

Phone: (703) 534-8179

**Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen,
Virginia
Virginia's Plant Communities - Unlocking
the Secrets of Plant Identification
July 13-14, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

This two-day course in field botany is designed to help the beginning botanist learn the techniques of field identification and reach a confident level of expertise. The first day will focus on recognizing and understanding the flowering plant families. Begin by looking at basic plant anatomy with hand lenses and microscopes and learning relevant terminology. Look at dozens of summer wildflowers and the characteristics used to place them in their respective families. The second day will focus on ferns, beginning with a classroom session to examine basic fern characteristics and the use of keys and field guides. The field session will explore the many habitats of the blue ridge and identify over 30 species of Virginia's ferns.

Fee: \$90 per person covers instruction only

Sponsors: The Wintergreen Nature Foundation

Contact: Kate Durkee

Phone: (434) 325-7473

E-mail: info@twnf.org

Website: <http://www.twnf.org>

**Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria,
Virginia
Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale
September 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

The Potowmack Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society, will offer a wide variety of native plants donated by members or

propagated at Green Spring Gardens. A number of commercial native plant nurseries also participate in the sale. Call for VNPS information. Directions to Green Spring Gardens Park: From Interstate 395, exit at Route 236 West (Little River Turnpike) in Alexandria, turn right at Green Spring Road and proceed 1 block north to the park entrance.

Sponsors: Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

Phone: (703) 534-8179

WASHINGTON

Central Whidbey Island, North of Coupeville, Washington Prairie Restoration

Saturdays ongoing throughout 2002 starting at 10 a.m.

Restoration of prairie remnant damaged by highway construction. Planting & weeding. Planting is almost done for the year, but weed control will continue. Hwy. 20, just north of Zylstra Rd.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Whidbey Environmental Action Network

Contact: Steve Erickson

Phone: (360) 579-4202

E-mail: wean@whidbey.net

Colville National Forest, Washington Mothers' Day Bird and Plant Walk at Big Meadow Lake

May 12

Wildlife biologist Sandy Mosconi will lead this early season bird and plant walk, which covers an easy 3 miles of trail around the wetland downstream from Big Meadow Lake. Meet at the Colville National Forest headquarters in Colville, 765 S. Main, at 7:00 a.m. to carpool to the lake or meet at Big Meadow Lake Campground at 8:30 a.m. The lake is on Meadow Creek Road between the Aladdin Highway and Lone. Trail difficulty rating=easiest.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Colville National Forest

Phone: (509) 684-7000

E-mail: kahlenslager@fs.fed.us

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/>

Colville National Forest, Washington The Earth Laughs in Flowers

May 19, 1 p.m.

Kids and adults--come celebrate spring by exploring this wild area right in our backyards. From 1:00-4:00 p.m. Kathy Ahlenslager, Colville National Forest botanist, will lead a hunt for botanical diversity, where each one teaches one. Meet at the Washington State Trout Hatchery in Colville, 390 N. Hofstetter. Trail difficulty rating=easiest.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Colville National Forest

Phone: (509) 684-7000

E-mail: kahlenslager@fs.fed.us

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/>

Woodland Park Zoo, Seattle, Washington Celebrating Wildflowers at the Woodland Park Zoo

June 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Games and activities for all ages.

Fee: Free with regular zoo admission

Sponsors: Rare Plant Care and Conservation Program, USDA National Forest Service, Washington Native Plant Society

Contact: Laura Zybas

Phone: (206) 616-0780

E-mail: rarecare@u.washington.edu

Website: <http://depts.washington.edu/rarecare>

Colville National Forest, Washington Kids, Flowers and Swan Lake

June 23, 1 p.m.

Kids and adults are invited to join silviculturist Mary Rourke for a walk in the Swan Lake area from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We will look for flowers and plants (maybe even some lady-slipper orchids!). Meet at the entrance to Swan Lake Campground, which is 7 miles S of Republic on State Hwy 21, then SW 7 miles on Scatter Creek Road. Trail difficulty rating=easiest.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Colville National Forest

Phone: (509) 684-7000

E-mail: kahlenslager@fs.fed.us

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/>

Colville National Forest, Washington Sherman Peak Loop Wildflower Hike

July 13, 9 a.m.

Join botanist Kathy Ahlenslager and wildlife biologist Chris Loggers on this spectacular 5-mile hike on the Kettle Crest in the Colville National Forest--with an option to "bag the peak," by hiking to the 6998 foot peak. Treat yourself to brilliant displays of blue lupine and red paintbrush that contrast with the silver-gray colors of the 1988 White Mountain Fire landscape. Please bring water, lunch, binoculars, sturdy walking shoes and warm clothing. Meet at the trailhead parking area at Sherman Pass on State Hwy 20 about 33 miles W of Colville at 9:00 a.m. Trail difficulty rating=most difficult.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Colville National Forest

Phone: (509) 684-7000

E-mail: kahlenslager@fs.fed.us

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/>

Colville National Forest, Washington South Skookum Walk

July 20, 9 a.m.

Join recreation specialist Nan Berger on a one-mile tree and plant identification walk at South Skookum Lake Trail on the Colville National Forest. Meet at the Newport Ranger District office in Newport (315 N. Warren) at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to South Skookum Lake or meet at the campground (11 miles northeast of Usk) at 10:00 a.m. Trail difficulty rating=easiest.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Colville National Forest

Phone: (509) 684-7000

E-mail: kahlenslager@fs.fed.us

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/>

Colville National Forest, Washington Tenmile Trail Fire Ecology Walk

July 21, 9:30 a.m.

Join fire management officer Karrie Stevens on a 5-mile round-trip hike along Tenmile Creek in the Colville National Forest. We will walk through a fire dependent ecosystem and view areas of both the 1996 Tenmile wildfire and the 1999 Brown Mountain prescribed fire. Meet at the Tenmile Campground and Trailhead (about 10 miles S of Republic on State Hwy 21) at 9:30 a.m. We will break for lunch at a viewpoint above the Sanpoil River. Please bring water, lunch, binoculars, sturdy walking shoes and warm clothing. Trail difficulty rating=more difficult.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Colville National Forest

Phone: (509) 684-7000

E-mail: kahlenslager@fs.fed.us

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/>

Colville National Forest, Washington Sherman Creek Walk

July 27, 9:30 a.m.

Berries will be ripe under the pine trees and cottonwoods of Sherman Creek. During the 2-mile long, barrier-free, accessible and flat walk, we will look for huckleberries, raspberries and other wild berries, as well as other plants, fish and wildlife. The walk begins and ends at the Log Flume Historical Site, where we will share the history of Sherman Creek. Meet Karen Honeycutt, fisheries biologist, in Kettle Falls at the Three Rivers Ranger District office (255 W. 11th) at 9:30 a.m. or 10 miles W of Kettle Falls at the Log Flume Site on State Hwy 20 at 10 a.m. Trail difficulty rating=easiest.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Colville National Forest

Phone: (509) 684-7000

E-mail: kahlenslager@fs.fed.us

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/colville/>

WEST VIRGINIA

Core Arboretum, Morgantown, West Virginia

Spring Wildflower Walks

April 14, 21, 28 at 2 p.m.

Guided wildflower walks along maintained trails with some steep sections. Guests will see profuse displays of Virginia bluebells and other native wildflowers in an old-growth forest. Walks last 2 hours, including frequent stops.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: West Virginia University Biology Department

Contact: Jon Weems

Phone: (304) 293-5201 ext2547

E-mail: jweems@wvu.edu

Website:

<http://www.as.wvu.edu/biology/facility/arboretum.html>

WISCONSIN

**The Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton,
Wisconsin
Morning Bird/Wildflower Hike**

May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Take a leisurely stroll through the prairie, meadow and white cedar swamp of Bubolz Nature Preserve looking for migrating bird species and spring ephemerals. Bring a pair of binoculars and good hiking shoes.

Fee: \$2 non-members; free for members

Phone: (920) 731-6041

E-mail: bubolz@dataex.com

Website:

<http://my.athenet.net/~bubolz/index.htm>

**The Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton,
Wisconsin
Wildflower ID Class**

May 11, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Learn the basics for wildflower identification in the field. In the morning we will explore the folklore of wild flowers, look at flower structure in order to use a key for identification, and introduce you to common species found in the Fox Valley. Participants are asked to bring a Newcombe's Wildflower Guide by Lawrence Newcomb and a bag lunch. The afternoon will be spent on a field trip to tour two special areas.

Fee: \$25, includes transportation; register by April 30

Phone: (920) 731-6041

E-mail: bubolz@dataex.com

Website:

<http://my.athenet.net/~bubolz/index.htm>

**Memorial Grove Research Natural Area,
Wisconsin
Wildflower Walk**

May 25

This field trip is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin DNR to help them celebrate their 75th Anniversary. Memorial Grove, which is co-designated as a State Natural Area by WDNR) is an old-growth hemlock-hardwood Forest on the Park Falls-Medford District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

Sponsors: Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Wisconsin DNR

Contact: Linda R. Parker, Forest Ecologist

E-mail: lrparker@fs.fed.us

WYOMING

**Laramie, Wyoming
Biological Diversity of Sagebrush
Landscapes**

March 19-21

Call for registration.

Fee: \$8

Sponsors: Wyoming Native Plant Society

Contact: Bonnie Heidel

Phone: (307) 766-3020

**Holiday Inn, Laramie, Wyoming
Wyoming Plant Conservation Conference
March 19-21**

Fee: \$12 adults; \$8 students

Sponsors: Wyoming Native Plant Society, Rocky Mountain Herbarium, Wyoming Rare Plant Technical Committee, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wyoming Natural Diversity Database

**Tensleep Preserve, Ten Sleep, Wyoming
Wildflowers and Butterflies
June 23-28**

An incredible store of knowledge for participants in this program! Join regional botanist, author and award-winning photographer Dr. Earl Jensen in identifying, photographing and sampling the wildflowers and edible plants found on the Preserve.

You will learn to recognize many native plant species, understand their natural history, and improve your photography skills while hiking in the Preserve's diverse habitats.

You'll also explore the beautiful relationship between wildflowers and their pollinators.

Dr. Clifford Ferris, has documented over 50 species of butterflies and nearly 230 species of moths on the Preserve. You will discover the role of specific pollinators and their preference for Preserve wildflowers.

Fee: \$725 (includes board & lodging)

Sponsor(s): The Nature Conservancy, Tensleep Preserve

Contact: Chandra Dow

Phone: (307) 366-2671

E-mail: cdow@tnc.org

Website: <http://www.tncwyoming.org>

**Tensleep Preserve, Ten Sleep, Wyoming
Wildflowers and Edibles
June 29**

Learn how to identify wildflowers and plants, then determine their uses and which ones are good to eat! Explore the canyons of the

Preserve with regional botanist, Dr. Earl Jensen. and discover the colorful world of Bighorn wildflowers. You will learn to recognize many native plant species, know their natural history and understand their various medicinal uses.

Fee: \$100, additional \$40 to include board & lodging on June 28

Sponsor(s): The Nature Conservancy, Tensleep Preserve

Contact: Chandra Dow

Phone: (307) 366-2671

E-mail: cdow@tnc.org

Website: <http://www.tncwyoming.org>

CANADA

Devonian Botanic Garden, Edmonton, Alberta

Mothers Day Get Growing Plant Sale

May 11-12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Select from a wide variety, often exotic or hard-to-find, hardy perennials or native Alberta wildflowers. Plants are mostly grown by volunteers from seed collected from our numerous plant collections. Orchids, cacti, and succulents are also for sale. Held at the Alice MacKinnon Horticulture Centre, south of the Japanese Garden. Proceeds from the Sale contribute to the operation of programs and facilities at the Devonian Botanic Garden.

Fee: \$6.50 adults, \$5.75 seniors (65+), \$5.75 youth (12-17), \$4 Child (2-11)

Sponsors: Friends and Crafters of the Devonian Botanic Garden

Phone: (780) 987-3054

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University of Saskatchewan Extension Division, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Native Plant Identification

May 28-June 1

This 5 day course is for people interested in developing or refreshing their skills in accurately identifying Saskatchewan plant families and species. Jennifer Neudorf, U of S Plant Ecologist/Taxonomist, will instruct the course. A laboratory session will be held from Monday to Wednesday to familiarize participants with distinguishing characteristics of plant families and major

Saskatchewan species. Field trips will be held on Thursday and Friday to help you practice identification and keying skills. Rm 4C77 Agriculture Building - Uof S Campus

Fee: \$155 includes GST

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Regina, Saskatchewan

Native Plant Gardens of Regina Tour

June 16, 1:30 p.m.

This tour provides an opportunity to visit 4 native plant gardens in Regina. Stops will include the Native Prairie Garden at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Keith and Gladys Barr's yard, the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation's Native Prairie Nursery, and the City of Regina's newly established Prairie Island. Participants will have an opportunity to meet with several native prairie specialists to get helpful ideas about growing native plants in the Regina Plain. Meet at the Native Prairie garden on the south side of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum at 1:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 donation suggested

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Matador Ranch, Saskatchewan

Matador Ranch Tour

July 7, 11 a.m.

The historic Matador Ranch is recognized as one of the most beautiful areas of native prairie in the province. This tour involves hikes through coulees and over hills to explore a diverse range of plants. Tour length will be determined by the interests of the participants. Starts at 11:00 a.m. Bring your own lunch, water, hiking shoes and suitable clothing. \$5 donation to the NPSS suggested. Meet at the Matador Farm (go 2 miles (3.2 km) south of Kyle on hwy #4; turn east on the Matador Road and drive 7 miles (11.2 km) to the Matador Farm. If you wish to arrive before 11:00 a.m. please call Leonard Howes (365-2631) during meal times, at least a couple of days in advance of the tour.

Fee: \$5 suggested donation

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Native Plant Gardens and Parks in
Saskatoon**

July 14, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Meet at the Saskatoon Field House (corner

of Preston Avenue and College Drive). This tour will explore a variety of gardens and possibly parks in Saskatoon and area. Participants will have an opportunity to meet with the gardeners and land managers to get helpful ideas about growing native plants in the city.

Fee: \$5 suggested donation

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